UCHIMIZU TOORU

I'M OFTEN TOLD BY THE NEWLY ARRIVED STAFF, "OH, I REALLY BELIEVED THAT YOU RESEMBLE THAT FACE USED IN THE TABLE OF CONTENTS' COMMENT!! YOU LOOK TOTALLY DIFFERENT!!"

MY FELLOW ASSISTANTS, IF A CHAP WITH SUCH FACE ↑ EXISTS IN REALITY, THEN

IT'S NOT HUMAN.

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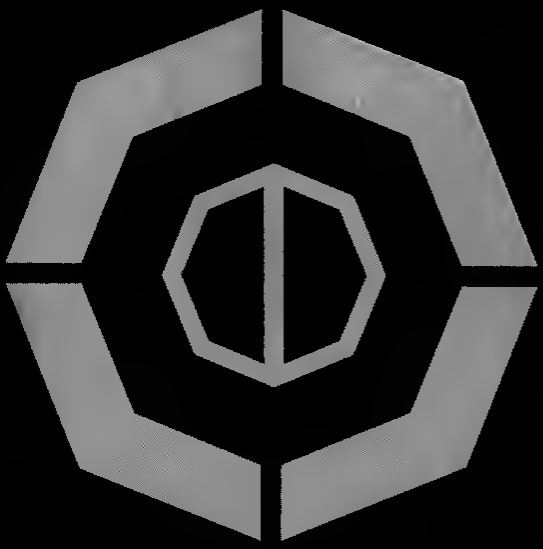
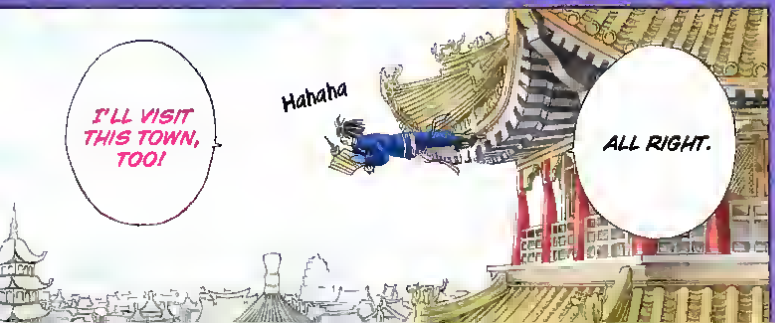


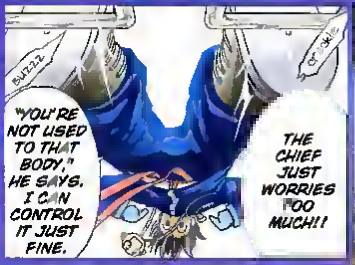
THE KING OF REN'S NATIONAL ARMY HAS PLATOONS CONTAINING ABOUT 40 SOLDIERS,
AS FOR THEIR DIRECTIONS, THE DESTRUCTION OF CITY AREAS WOULD BE...
EXTENSIVE.
The tale of the boy with blue eyes begins!
新感覚ファンタジー NEW FEELING FANTASY
「カイン KAIN」

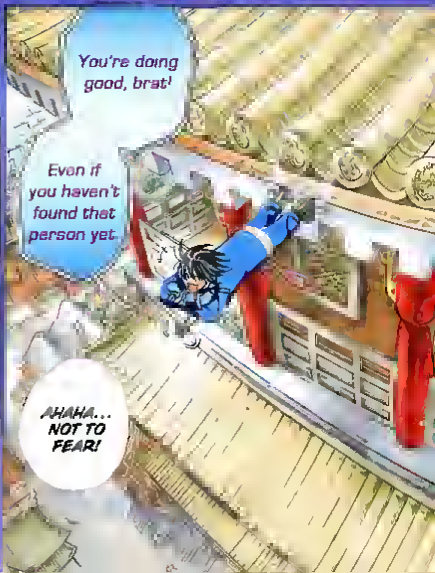

I'LL VISIT THIS TOWN, TOO!
Hahaha
ALL RIGHT.

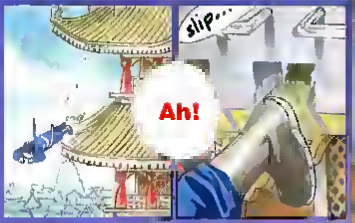
新連載!!!
NEW SERIAL 55P!!
NOW, OPEN THE DOOR OF THE NEW WORLD!! ROAR OF THE SPRING THUNDER!!! NEW SERIAL'S FIRST BOMB!!!
A GRAND WORLD...
A SAD EPIC POEM...
THIS HAND WILL GRASP...
THE INEVITABLE FUTURE...
First Chronicle: Hated Person
UCHIMIZU TOORU

BEHAVE SERIOUSLY AND DON'T SHOW OFF.
OK KAIN, IT'S YOUR JOB TO HANDLE RECONNAISSANCE AND BASIC ARRANGEMENTS

That's what the chief said.
EVEN IF THINGS GO WELL,
YOU'RE STILL NOT USED TO THAT BODY YET!


BUZZZ
"YOU'RE NOT USED TO THAT BODY," HE SAYS. I CAN CONTROL IT JUST FINE.
THE CHIEF JUST WORRIES TOO MUCH!!


You're doing good, brat!
Even if you haven't found that person yet
AHAHA... NOT TO FEAR!


slip...
Ah!

YOOOOOOOOO!
<SFX> BANG-CRUSH!
WON'T YOU LET US VENT?
AH, SORRY... BUT RECENTLY WE'VE HAD A LOT OF PENT-UP ANGER.
I'M A GOOD BOY...
<SFX> WAH
WH-WHAT?!
Mwa ha ha
HMPH.
REN'S SOLDIERS ARE CAUSING TROUBLE AGAIN!
clash..
<SFX> CRASH!

YOU WORTHLESS LITTLE THING!
YOU'RE REALLY CUTE...
GYAAA!
AS I THOUGHT..
CHILDREN FLY PRETTY WELL
What's he done!?
<SFX> WHOOSH
<SFX> WHAM!!
HEY, HEY DADDY... CALM DOWN...
TAKE A LOOK TO YOUR RIGHT.
YOU ALWAYS DO WHATEVER YOU PLEASE... WE'VE HAD ENOUGH!
WE'LL KILL YOU!
Clatter
STOP IT, YOU BASTARDS!
<SFX> SAT

...
<SFX> BOOM
REMEMBER?
THAT'S THE SIGN OF OUR MERIT. OF THE OVERWHELMING POWER OF THE KIDOUSHI GOGAI.
SO WHAT IF WE DO AS WE PLEASE?
BASTARDS WHO ARE RULED JUST LIKE YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO COMPLAIN
DO THEY!?
YOU BASTARD!
<SFX> BOOM
!!
<SFX> THUMP

Guhaaa!
<SFX> WHOOSH
YOU'RE RECKLESS AS USUAL...
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?
I WON'T FORGIVE THOSE...
WHO DEFY THE KING'S NATIONAL ARMY!
crack
crack
MEIFA!
IT'S MEIFA!
<SFX> CROWD NOISE
OH... THE FORMER FEUDAL LORD'S DAUGHTER, MEIFA...
YOU ALWAYS TAKE THE INITIATIVE
WELL DONE!
SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.
<SFX> PO

THERE'S NO NEED TO DO THAT.
LEAVE THEM TO ME
SINCE THESE STUPID VILLAGERS AREN'T WELL EDUCATED,
<SFX> GIRI

!!
WE'LL JUST KILL THEM!
<SFX> BOOM

BUT THERE'S NO REASON NOT TO KILL TWO BRATS.
WE MAY BE MERE SOLDIERS, NOT AS GREAT AS GOGAI,
.....
<SFX> GUNT

<SFX> WHISHHH-WHAM!

<SFX> FAST MOVEMENT

Are you angry?
Hahaha!
W-
WHO ARE YOU, BAS-TARD ?!
SORRY! I GOT DISTRACTED AND I FELL DOWN...
...I SAID TO GET OUT OF THE WAY.
Even though I was already falling...
WHO'S THIS GUY? WHERE DID HE FALL FROM?
MAYBE ...
HE CAME TO HELP HIS COM-PANIONS?
MPH! I SEE... HE THINKS HE'S AN ALLY OF JUSTICE.
choki
<SFX> CROWD NOISE
SHALL WE SHOW HIM...
...HOW FOOLISH THAT IS!?
<SFX> STRONG MOVEMENT

I GUESS IT CAN'T BE HELPED.
AH, GEEZ...
<SFX> SCREECH
!!?
<SFX> BANG BANG
W-WHAT? WHAT HAPPENED?
SOME-THING SUDDENLY WENT FLYING!
<SFX> CROWD NOISE
<SFX> THUD THUD

TSK!
TRAITOR!
WHY DON'T YOU GO AWAY NOW?
YOU GOT PRETTY LUCKY...
<SFX> FOOTSTEP

YOU TOO! COME THIS WAY!
WE WOULD HAVE DONE IT EVEN IF YOU DIDN'T TELL US!
OH! I'LL BE GOING TOO!
IF I GET CAUGHT... I DON'T THINK I'LL SURVIVE
<SFX> RUNNING

AN IRON KETTLE...
TO MOVE SUCH A HEAVY THING...
わぁぁ
.....
WHO ON EARTH...?
わぁぁ...

金鄂酒家
THANKS FOR EVERYTHING
YOU SAVED US.
DON'T THANK ME!
I'M NOT TRYING TO BE MODEST. THE TRUTH IS I REALLY FELL DOWN FROM THE ROOF.
IT JUST HAPPENED BECAUSE I WASN'T PAYING ATTENTION...
AH HA HA!
<SFX> HAHAHA

SO THOSE GUYS FROM BEFORE WERE THE RUMORED NATIONAL ARMY OF THE KING OF REN?
WHAT?
DON'T YOU KNOW ABOUT REN?

I'VE BEEN LIVING IN THE COUNTRYSIDE FOR A LONG TIME . I'VE ONLY HEARD RUMORS.
BUT IT'S STRANGE, ISN'T IT?
EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE JUST THREE PEOPLE,
NOBODY TRIED TO STOP THEM.
I DON'T KNOW HOW THE STORY GOES WHERE YOU COME FROM,
BUT IN THIS CONTINENT, IT'S SAID THAT TEN YEARS AGO, ONE MAN SHOOK UP THE WORLD.

THAT COUNTRY, REN... WAS THE COUNTRY OF "KIDOU."
THIS NEWLY EMERGING NATION WAS DEFINITELY DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER NATIONS OF THE TIME.
THE MAN'S NAME WAS RAIEN. THE NAME OF THE COUNTRY WAS REN.

THOSE WHO HAD THESE MACHINES IN THEIR BODY WERE CALLED "KIDOUSHI," AND THEIR MILITARY POWER WAS EQUAL TO THAT OF AN ENTIRE ARMY.
IT'S A TECHNIQUE THROUGH WHICH MACHINES APPEAR IN THE BODY, WEAPONS OF INHUMAN POWER.

A YEAR AGO, TEN SOLDIERS FROM THE NATIONAL ARMY ATTACKED,
KILLING ONE THIRD OF OUR VILLAGERS.
NOW THIS TOWN IS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THEIR CHIEF, THE KIDOUSHI GOGAI.

REN CAME TO CONTROL 60% OF THE CONTINENT ONLY TEN YEARS AFTER THE COUNTRY WAS FOUNDED.
THEY CONSIDERED BOWS AND SWORDS SIMPLE TOYS, AND EACH NATION WAS SWALLOWED UP ONE BY ONE.
THIS IS ONE OF THOSE CONQUERED TOWNS.

WE MUSTN'T DISOBEY, NO MATTER HOW THEY TREAT US.
EVEN IF THE ENEMIES ARE IN SMALL NUMBERS, GOGAI WON'T REMAIN SILENT IF WE MEDDLE.

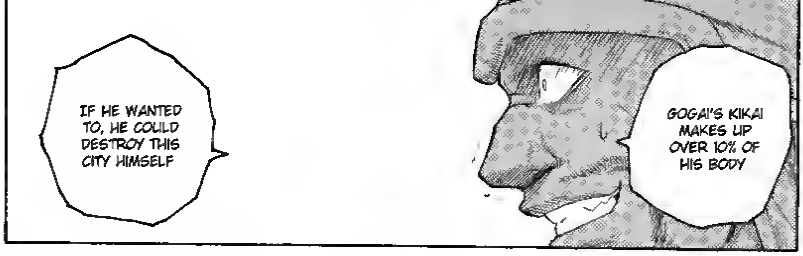
AH, THAT'S FOR SURE!
BUT IT'S MEIFA THAT I ABSOLUTELY WON'T FORGIVE!
SURE, I CAN FORGIVE THOSE BASTARDS.

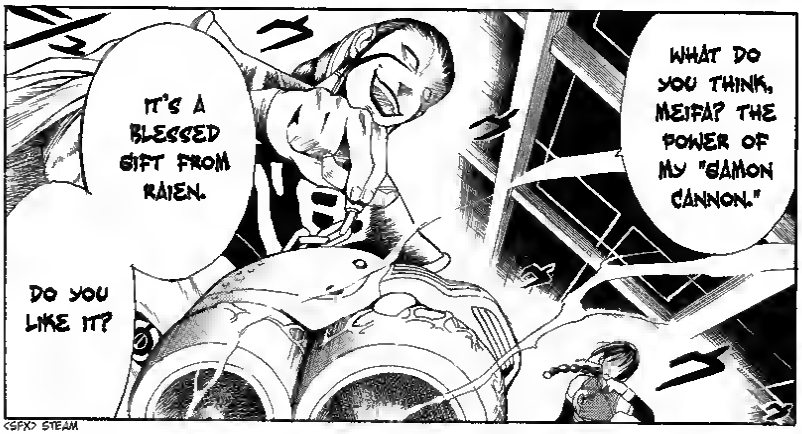
Beauty...?
WHY CAN'T YOU FORGIVE A BEAUTY LIKE THAT?
MEIFA? YOU MEAN THAT CUTE GIRL FROM BEFORE?
<SFX? WHOOSH
<SFX? HAHAHA

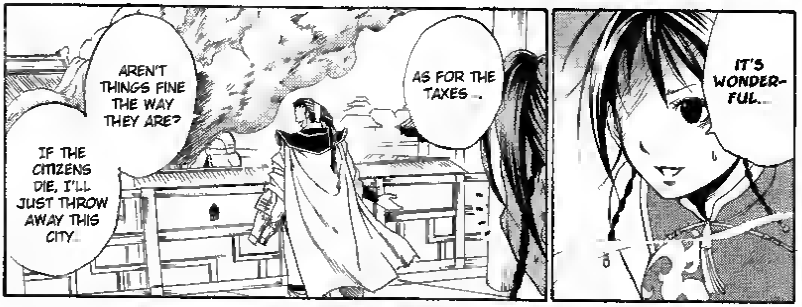
WE CAN'T KNOW!
MAYBE SHE WANTED TO JOIN THE SOLDIERS TO PRACTICE MARTIAL ARTS.
THOSE GUYS EVEN KILLED THE FEUDAL LORD!
SHE IS THE DAUGHTER OF THE FORMER FEUDAL LORD, WHO WAS KILLED BY THE NATIONAL ARMY.
SHE'S A SHAMELESS TRAITOR!
THAT GIRL IS SUSPICIOUS!
RIGHT WHEN THEY TOOK CONTROL OF THE TOWN, SHE BETRAYED US AND CHANGED SIDES.

TRAITOR, HUH?
I SEE. . THAT'S WHY THEY DON'T LIKE HER.
Hmm ...
GOGAI...
THE CITIZENS ARE SUFFERING UNDER THE HEAVY TAXES IMPOSED A YEAR AGO.
MAYBE SOMEDAY THEY'LL REBEL? OR MAYBE THEY'LL STARVE TO DEATH?
A TAX CUT?
WHAT THE HELL DO YOU MEAN, MEIFA?
IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO EXPLOIT THEM, BUT TO DO SO, THEY HAVE TO LIVE.
SO I SUGGEST YOU REDUCE THE TAXES.
THOSE PEOPLE ARE IMPORTANT, THEY'RE THE LIFE OF THE TOWN.. IF THEY ALL DIE, IT'D BE A TOTAL LOSS FOR YOU.

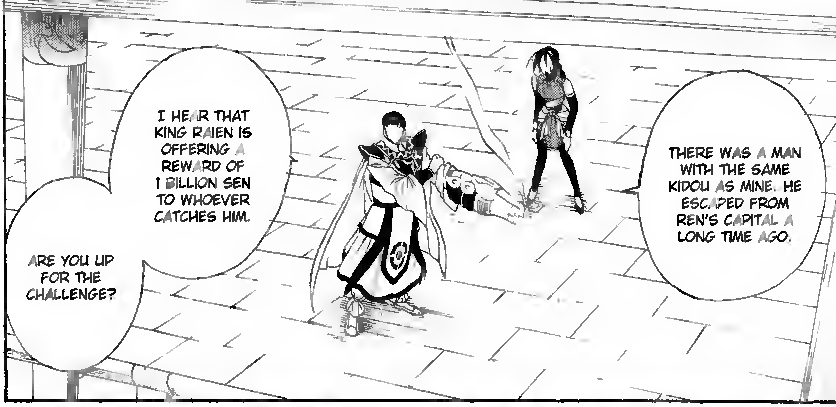
I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH BEING EXTREMELY CRUEL.
MEIPA.
beep beep
scratch scratch
<SFX> BANG
<SFX> RIP RIP
SUCH DESTRUCTIVE POWER
AS EXPECTED FROM A KIDOUSHI
ALTHOUGH THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF A KIDOUSHI IS PROPORTIONAL TO THE SIZE OF THE KIKAI IN THEIR BODY...
THE MERE PRESENCE OF THE KIKAI CAUSES AN UNBEARABLE AMOUNT OF PAIN.
I'VE HEARD OF MANY WHO DIED BECAUSE OF THEM...
<SFX> KA-BOOM!

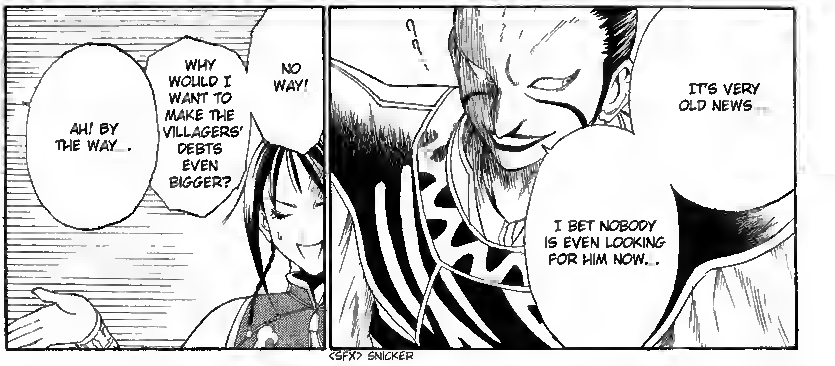

GOGAI'S KIKAI MAKES UP OVER 10% OF HIS BODY
IF HE WANTED TO, HE COULD DESTROY THIS CITY HIMSELF


WHAT DO YOU THINK, MEIFA? THE POWER OF MY "GAMON CANNON."
IT'S A BLESSED GIFT FROM RAIEN.
DO YOU LIKE IT?
<SFX> STEAM

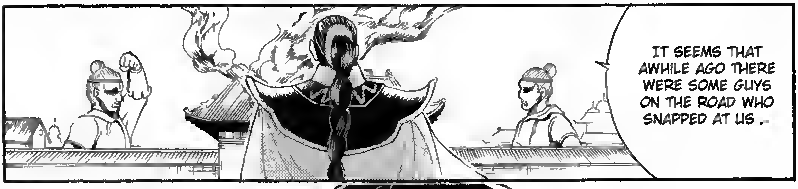

IT'S WONDER-FUL...
AS FOR THE TAXES...
AREN'T THINGS FINE THE WAY THEY ARE?
IF THE CITIZENS DIE, I'LL JUST THROW AWAY THIS CITY...

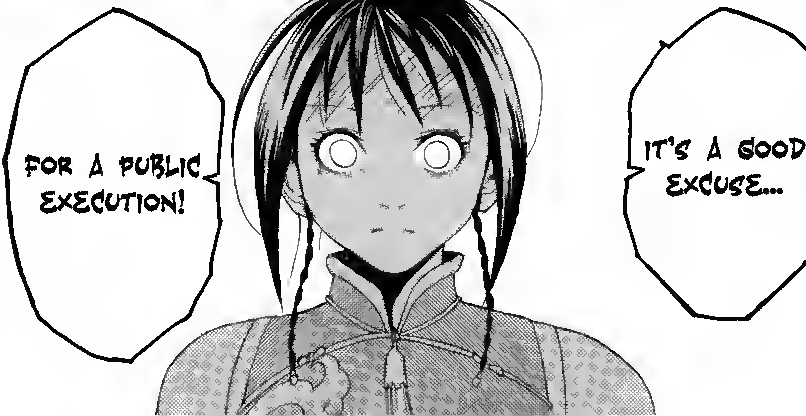
BUT MEIFA, IT WOULD BE A DIFFERENT STORY...
IF YOU COULD CATCH THE FAMOUS FUGITIVE.
FUGITIVE?
.....


I HEAR THAT KING RAIEN IS OFFERING A REWARD OF 1 BILLION SEN TO WHOEVER CATCHES HIM.
ARE YOU UP FOR THE CHALLENGE?
THERE WAS A MAN WITH THE SAME KIDOU AS MINE. HE ESCAPED FROM REN'S CAPITAL A LONG TIME AGO.


NO WAY!
WHY WOULD I WANT TO MAKE THE VILLAGERS' DEBTS EVEN BIGGER?
AH! BY THE WAY...
IT'S VERY OLD NEWS...
I BET NOBODY IS EVEN LOOKING FOR HIM NOW...

<SFX> SNICKER


IT SEEMS THAT AWHILE AGO THERE WERE SOME GUYS ON THE ROAD WHO SNAPPED AT US..

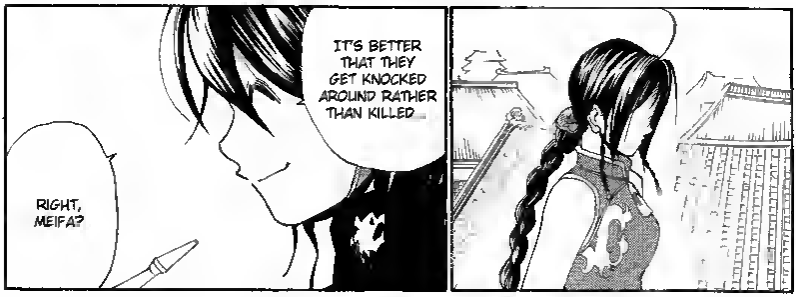

FOR A PUBLIC EXECUTION!
IT'S A GOOD EXCUSE...

I'M SURE ALL THE VILLAGERS WILL GATHER AT THE TOWN HALL AT..
NOON TOMORROW.
.....
PLIP
<SFX> BANG!!
<SFX> PLUNK
Hiiii!
THAT GUY FROM BEFORE...
Y- YOU'RE ...
THE FORMER FEUDAL LORD'S DAUGHTER LIVES IN SUCH A SIMPLE PLACE!
IS THIS YOUR HOUSE?
!!?
<SFX> HAHAHA

I'M KAIN!
I NEED TO SPEAK TO Y -
AH?
THOSE TWO GUYS FROM THIS MORNING...
THEY WILL BE EXECUTED TOMORROW
!!
WHAT A JOKE!
I'LL HAVE TO GO BACK AND TRY WHATEVER I CAN
YOU... ARE NOT FROM THIS TOWN, ARE YOU?
IF YOU STAY ANY LONGER, YOU'LL BE CONDEMNED LIKE THOSE TWO

I'VE BEEN SEARCHING AROUND THIS TOWN FOR ABOUT A WEEK.
HUSTLE
ACTUALLY, I HAVE A REASON FOR BEING HERE
THE FORMER FEUDAL LORD'S DAUGHTER, MEIFA... THE VILLAGERS LIKED HER BEFORE THE TAKEOVER...
!?
BUT NOW THEY HATE HER... RIGHT?
THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THIS TOWN AND THE OTHER ONES THAT WERE TAKEN OVER.
LET'S PUT THAT ASIDE FOR THE MOMENT.
WHO IS THIS GUY ...?
THAT'S RIGHT...
WHAT'S IT GOT TO DO WITH YOU?
SINCE BEING TAKEN OVER, THERE HAVE BEEN FAR FEWER DEATHS IN THIS TOWN THAN IN OTHERS...
YOU KNOW WHY, DON'T YOU?

AND BEATS THE VILLAGERS SO THAT THE SOLDIERS DON'T FEEL A NEED TO KILL THEM
WHEN THE VILLAGERS TRY TO FIGHT BACK, A CERTAIN PERSON ALWAYS SHOWS UP
SINCE THE SOLDIERS TREAT PEOPLE BADLY,

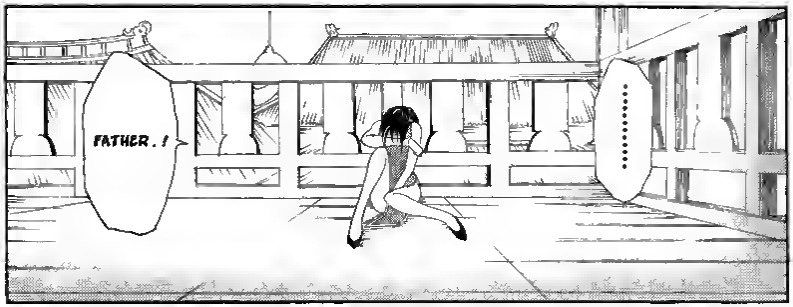

IT'S BETTER THAT THEY GET KNOCKED AROUND RATHER THAN KILLED...
RIGHT, MEIFA?

DON'T PRETEND YOU KNOW EVERYTHING!

HOW COULD AN OUTSIDER LIKE YOU UNDER-STAND?!
GO AWAY!
IT'S USELESS...

ひょ
Oho
<SFX> HOP
はっはっは
YOU'RE JUST MAKING A SCARY FACE...
!?
grab
<SFX> HAHAHA
ザッ..
ISN'T THAT SPOILING YOUR BEAUTY?
<SFX> FOOTSTEP
SMILE, MEIFA!
SEE YA!
たたた..
<SFX> WALKING
.....

THERE'S SOMETHING I WANT TO TELL YOU.
THIS IS THE END FOR ME...
MEIFA...
<SFX> ROAR


FATHER.!
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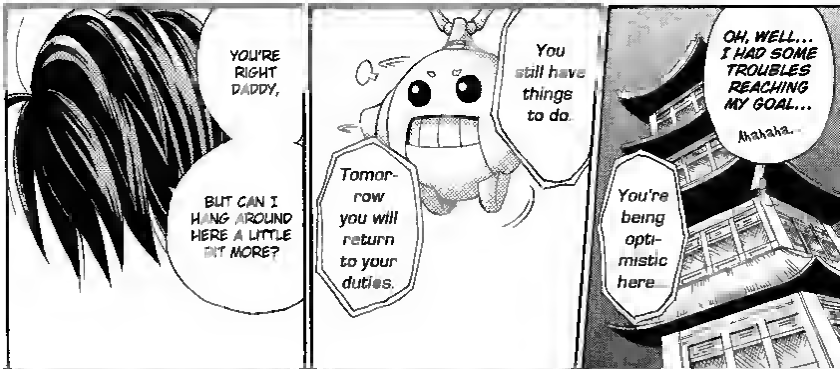
You even helped the villegers!
Geez! You're supposed to act covertly, you understand that, brat!?

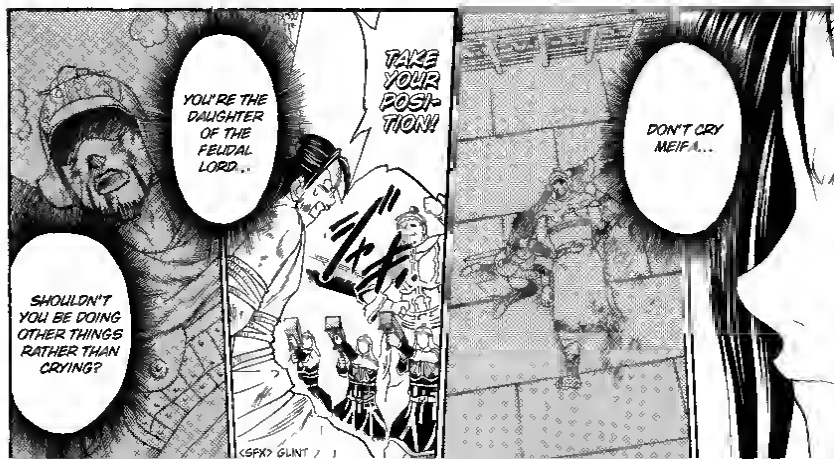

YOU'RE RIGHT DADDY,
BUT CAN I HANG AROUND HERE A LITTLE BIT MORE?
Tomorrow you will return to your duties.
You still have things to do.
You're being optimistic here...
OH, WELL... I HAD SOME TROUBLES REACHING MY GOAL...
Ahahaha..

MEIFA'S COMBAT STYLE!
'CAUSE I LIKE...

TODAY TWO MEN ARE CONDEMNED TO DEATH...
FOR THE CRIME OF VIOLENCE AND INSULTING THE NATIONAL ARMY.
HEADS UP!
(SFX) BOOM!!

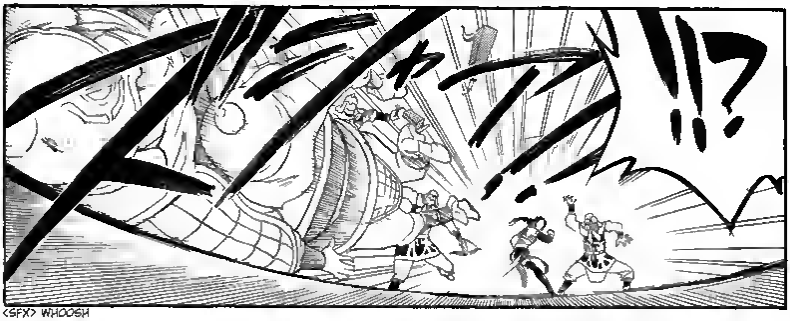
WE'RE GOING TO KILL THESE PEOPLE.
YOU HAVEN'T SEEN IT RECENTLY, HAVE YOU?
THIS IS A SHOW... PLEASE RISE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!

.....
<SFX> STARE


SHOULDN'T YOU BE DOING OTHER THINGS RATHER THAN CRYING?
YOU'RE THE DAUGHTER OF THE FEUDAL LORD..
TAKE YOUR POSITION!
<SFX> GLINT
DON'T CRY MEIFA...

IF I DIE, YOU MUST OBEY THE ARMY.
UNTIL THE DAY OF THE LIBERATION.
ゴォオ
OUR MILITARY POWER IS NO MATCH FOR THE KIKAI OF REN...
YOU CAN'T LET LIVES GO TO WASTE BY TRYING TO RESIST.
DAMN YOU!
STOP IT OR THEY'LL KILL YOU TOO!
<SFX? ROAR
IT'S YOUR DUTY AS THE FEUDAL LORD'S DAUGHTER.
NEVER LET THE VILLAGERS DIE...
PROMISE, MEIFA
YOU HAVE TO PROTECT THE VILLAGERS...
NO MATTER WHAT!!

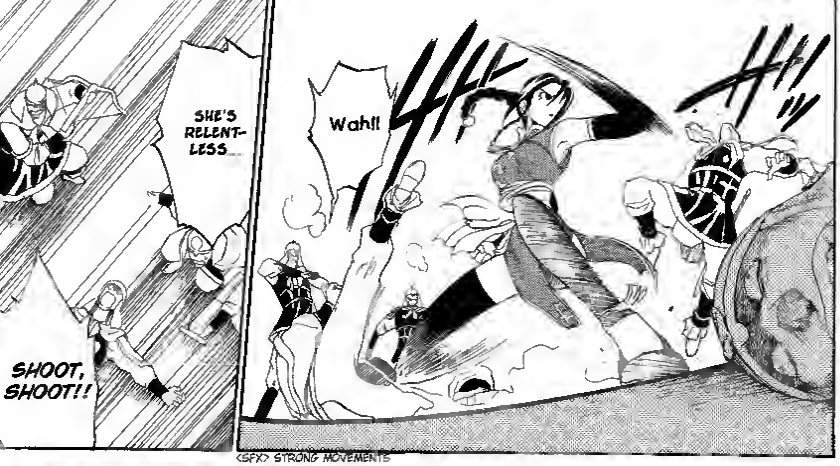
<SFX> WHAM



<SFX> WHOOSH

EVEN IF IT COSTS ME MY LIFE.
footstep
BUT...THERE'S ONE PROMISE I WILL KEEP.
DO YOU REALLY THINK I WOULD LET YOU KILL MY VILLAGERS...
I'M RENBA'S DAUGHTER.
BEFORE MY OWN EYES!?
THIS IS MY TOWN!!

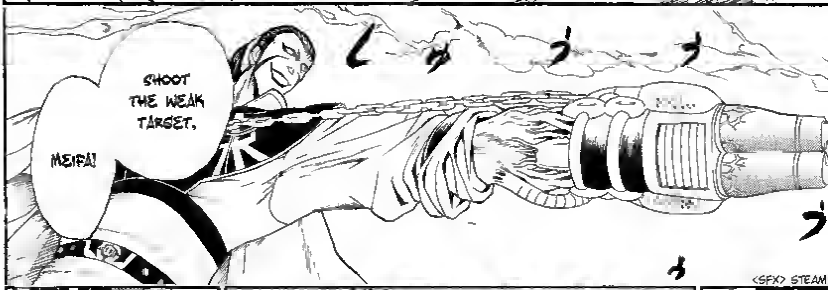
MEIFA...?
MEI...
ARREST HER!
HAVE YOU LOST YOUR MIND, GIRL?
<SFX> GLINT
Argh!
<SFX> WHUM
Guh!
<SFX> BAM!!
<SFX> BANG!!
<SFX> DODGE


SHE'S RELENTLESS...
SHOOT, SHOOT!!
Wah!!
<SFX> STRONG MOVEMENTS

SINCE I'M AMONG HIS SOLDIERS...
THEY'VE RUSHED OUT SUDDENLY, NOW I HAVE TO FIGHT

GOGAI HIMSELF...
IF I GET THE CHANCE, I SHOULD GO FOR...
GOGAI WON'T BE ABLE TO USE HIS KIKAI!!
GAMON CANNON.
<SFX> CRACKLE
<SFX> BLAST

<SFX> BOOM!


SHOOT THE WEAK TARGET.
MEIFA!
<SFX> STEAM

EH...
WHY IS MEIFA
FIGHTING AGAINST REN?
<SFX> COLLAPSE

MY TARGET IS THE TOWN HALL.
MAGNETIC FIELD CONVER-SION!
RIBAN!!
<SFX> CRACKLE
I SEE...
<SFX> ROSHUU
YOU DISTRACTED US AWAY FROM THE VILLAGERS BY PRETENDING TO BE CRUEL AND PUNISHING THEM YOURSELF.
YOU'VE CONTINUED TO PLAY THE PART OF THE BAD GUY AND NOBODY KNEW IT.
THAT'S ADMIRABLE, REALLY ADMIRABLE!!
HOWEVER, WHEN WE WERE ABOUT TO KILL THEM,
YOU COULDN'T STAND IT ANYMORE SO YOU SHOWED YOUR TRUE COLORS.
WH-
WHAT!?
<SFX> FOOTSTEP

MEIFA WILL BE THE STAR OF THIS EXECUTION!!
THAT'S RIGHT... TO SHOW MY RESPECT FOR HER COURAGE...
<SFX> GRIN
Every-one...
I've been mean to you..
I'm sorry...
cough
cough
BE STRONG!!
I'M SORRY I COULDN'T PROTECT YOU...

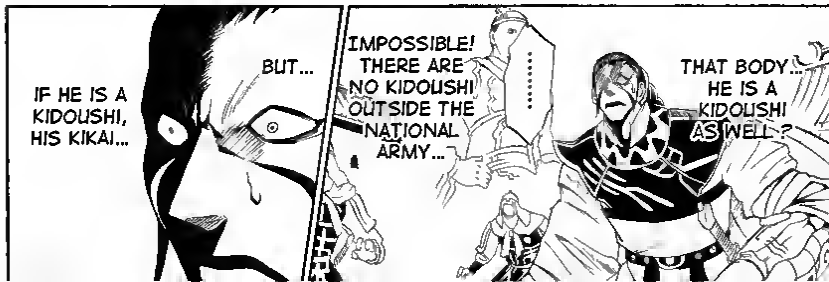
MEIFA...
.....!!
ARE YOU DONE WITH YOUR LAST WORDS?
THEN, LET'S RESUME THE EXECUTION.
<SFX> GR...
I'M DONE FOR...
MY EYES ARE GROW-ING HAZY...
IN THE END, IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE...
TO PROTECT THIS TOWN BY MYSELF.
FATHER...!
<SFX> WOOSH-OUT

<SFX> STRONG MOVEMENT

RIGHT AT THE TOWN HALL!
PERFECT LANDING!

FROM YESTER-DAY?
EH?
THAT GUY...
THAT'S ENOUGH
Hahaha
MEIFA, YOU'VE DONE WELL UP TILL NOW...
FROM HERE!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT...
I CAN'T STAND TO SEE AN ANGRY OR CRYING FACE
YOU... KAIN, IS IT?
WHY EXACTLY ...
click
WHAT DID HE SAY?
WH-
<SFX> RUSTLE
<SFX> CROWD NOISE

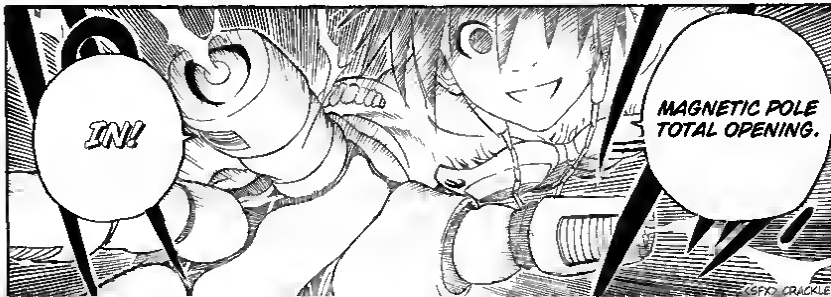
VAP
IF THESE GUYS DISAPPEAR, WILL I BE ABLE TO SEE IT...?
MEIFA'S SMILE...?
!!!
(SFX) STEAM


IF HE IS A KIDOUSHI, HIS KIKAI...
BUT...
IMPOSSIBLE! THERE ARE NO KIDOUSHI OUTSIDE THE NATIONAL ARMY...
.....
THAT BODY... HE IS A KIDOUSHI AS WELL?

WHAT IS IT? IF YOU DON'T COME AT ME
I'LL COME FOR YOU!
WHO THE HELL IS THIS GUY?!
IT'S OVER 50% OF HIS BODY ...
HE'S A CRIMINAL! KILL HIM!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
<SFX> GLINT
<SFX> GLOK GLOK GLOK!!
<SFX> BAM BAM BAM BAM

THAT WAS CLOSE...
!!!
<SFX> BOOM!

HOW DID HE GET THERE!?
HOW...


IN!
MAGNETIC POLE TOTAL OPENING.
<SFX> CRACKLE

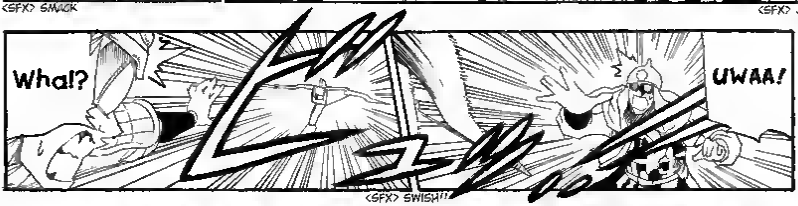
<SFX> BURST, BANG, CLANK
<SFX> BANG, CLANK CLANK
clank
bang
<SFX> RUMBLE RUMBLE
<SFX> STOP
SEKI!
MAGNETIC POLE CONVERSION.

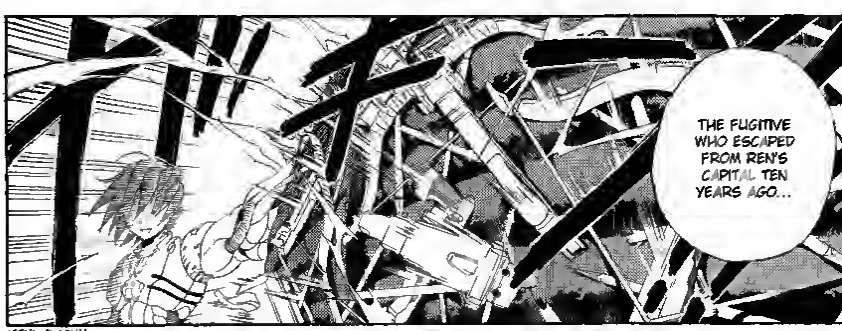
GRAO COLLAPSES!!

I'VE TAKEN OUT HALF, MORE OR LESS.
STEP

Hahaha
RIGHT, GOGAI?
LUCKILY I CAN USE THIS BIG ARM HERE...
<SFX> ROAR
IRON ...!?
SUCH A HUGE IRON STATUE... HOW...
I-M-IMPOSSIBLE!!
YOU GUESSED RIGHT!
AH! AS EXPECTED FROM THE HEAD OF THE ARMY!
I SEE... IS IT BECAUSE YOU CAN CONTROL MAGNETIC FORCES?
YESTER-DAY...
THEN...
!!

HOWEVER, YOU CAN'T KNOW ABOUT THIS...
GRAAH!
GET HIM!!
<SFX> SMACK
<SFX> JAKOKO


Wha!?
UWAA!
<SFX> SWISH!!


THE FUGITIVE WHO ESCAPED FROM REN'S CAPITAL TEN YEARS AGO...
<SFX> CLASH!!

BUT IS MY BOUNTY REALLY ONLY 1 BILLION?
IS ME.

YOU'RE ABSOLUTELY USELESS!
GET BACK...
WHAT!?
WH-
IF WHAT YOU SAY IS TRUE, THEN IT'S MY LUCKY DAY. .
footstep
SINCE A 1 BILLION SEN FUGITIVE HAS SHOWED UP IN MY DOMAIN,
I WILL SHOW YOU...
WHICH IS THE SUPERIOR KIDOUGHI, MY GAMON CANNON, OR YOUR IRON SCRAP!

ON A KIDOUSHI THAT YOU CAN DEFEAT?
DO YOU REALLY THINK THE KING WOULD PUT A BOUNTY OF 1 BILLION SEN...
slip
<SFX> SCREECH
!!?
SHARK
<SFX> CLASH
SINCE THAT IS NOW WORKING AS A MAGNET...
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO MOVE YOUR ARM EVEN A LITTLE BIT.
Hahaha
step
WH-
I CAN'T GET IT OFF?

throb throb throb throb
THAT THIS IS THE SAME MAGNETISM
KEEP IN MIND...
THAT KING RAIEN FEARED
Hiim
Jakon
<SFX> CLACK
THE SUPER MAGNETISM THAT STOPS ALL KIKAI...
<SFX> VUVUVUVUVUVUVUVUVU
MY "THIRD HAND!"

HAKAISHOU!

ガシャン
<SFX> THUD

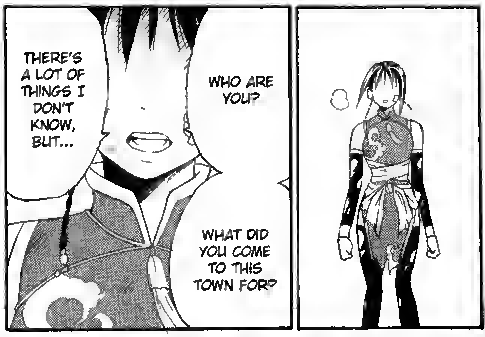
THE END.

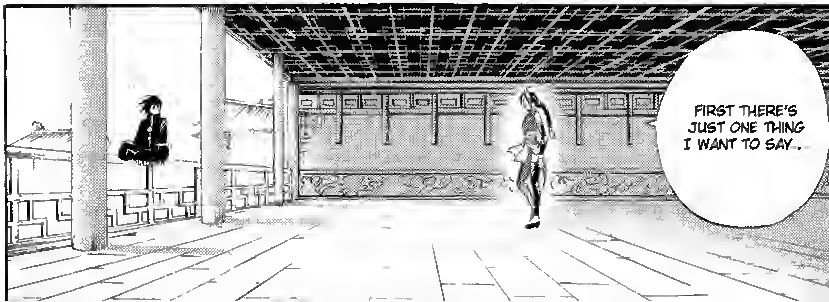
"BEHAVE SERIOUSLY."
THAT'S WHAT THEY TOLD ME
<SFX> WAAAH
BUT IN THE END, WE RIOTED
Hahaha
The chief will be mad about that,
that's for sure, brat!
AREN'T YOU ANGRY AT US? AFTER ALL, YOU WERE PROTECTING THIS TOWN ALL ALONG.
I HAVE TO HURRY!
I SUPPOSE I CAN GO ON WITH THE PLAN.
SINCE IT TURNED OUT LIKE THIS, THE TOWN WILL BE PEACEFUL FOR THE TIME BEING.

IT'D BE GOOD IF I COULD MEET THAT PERSON SOON.
RIGHT, DADDY?

HI, MEIFA!
HOW ARE YOUR WOUNDS?

KAIN...


THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS I DON'T KNOW, BUT...
WHO ARE YOU?
WHAT DID YOU COME TO THIS TOWN FOR?


FIRST THERE'S JUST ONE THING I WANT TO SAY..

THANK YOU!
I FINALLY GOT TO SEE YOUR SMILE!

Kain
· Age unknown
· No-tenki but suprisingly calm
· Seems to have some purpose...

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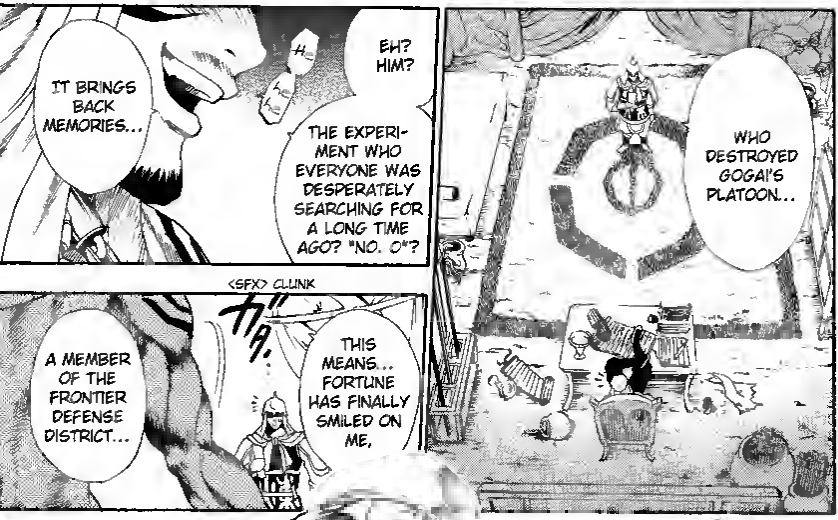
CHAPTER 2: DIDN'T I PROMISE?

CAPTAIN CHIN, REPORTING.
GOGAI'S PLATOON, WHICH WAS STATIONED IN THE SMALL EASTERN CITY OF KINTAN, HAS BEEN COMPLETELY DESTROYED.
THE FUGITIVE KIDOUSHI WAS THE ONE...


WHO DESTROYED GOGAI'S PLATOON...
EH? HIM?
THE EXPERIMENT WHO EVERYONE WAS DESPERATELY SEARCHING FOR A LONG TIME AGO? "NO. 0"?
IT BRINGS BACK MEMORIES...
<SFX> CLUNK
THIS MEANS... FORTUNE HAS FINALLY SMILED ON ME.
A MEMBER OF THE FRONTIER DEFENSE DISTRICT...

CHAPTER 2
DIDN'T I PROMISE?

SEVERAL DAYS LATER...
RECONSTRUCTION AROUND THE TOWN HAD BEGUN
AND THE PEOPLE WERE REGAINING STRENGTH
AND KAIN—
WOW!
MAGNETISM HAS TWO STATES THERE'S THE PULLING POWER, "GRAVITY" AND ITS OPPOSITE, "REPULSION"
IF THESE STATES ARE EXPERTLY MANIPULATED...
<SFX> CRACKLE CRACKLE

HAD BECOME COMPLETELY USED TO LIFE IN THE TOWN,
HADN'T HE?
<SFX> OOH!!
You get something like this!!
Hahaha!
ta-dah!
THAT'S AMAZING, KAIN!

STAY IN TOWN?
.....
SO FOR THE TIME BEING, I'LL STAY HERE.
RE- REALLY?
はっはっはっ
<SFX> HAHAHA!
I CAN'T TELL YOU JUST WHY YET,
BUT I'M NOT A BAD GUY.
EVEN IF I DID SORT OF CAUSE THAT RIOT.
I DON'T REALLY KNOW YOU... BUT IT'S REASSURING!!
IF ANOTHER KIDOUSHI ATTACKS...
THEN YOU CAN DEFEAT IT BY USING THAT TECHNIQUE YOU USED BEFORE, RIGHT?
DADDY ...
HOW MUCH HOUKI DO I HAVE RIGHT NOW?

A P-
PU-
PUPPET !?
Just as I thought
I'm totally empty.
Isn't it obvious?
IT SPOKE !?
AH! I HAVEN'T TOLD YOU YET...
DON'T WORRY!
I'm "Dad dy"!
<SFX> WAAAAAAAH!
I USE THIS PIPE TO COLLECT HOUKI FROM THE ATMOSPHERE.
IN ORDER TO USE MAGNETISM, I NEED THIS ENERGY CALLED HOUKI.
TH-THEN...
YOU CAN'T USE THAT TECHNIQUE UNTIL YOU GATHER ENOUGH ENERGY?!
RIGHT!
TO SAY IT PLAINLY...
BESIDES, I ALSO LIFTED THAT HUGE IRON STATUE... AND DID MANY OTHER THINGS.
"HAKAISHOU" CONSUMES AN IMMENSE QUANTITY OF HOUKI.
THE HOUKI I HAD IS ALL USED UP NOW.
...
See? Empty!

はっは
<SFX> HAHAHAHA!
KAIN WAS STAYING IN THIS TOWN, BUT...
At the moment, you're stronger than me, Melfa!!
In a way
WHY DID HE KILL THAT KIDOUSHI?
THERE'S SO MUCH THAT I DON'T KNOW YET
wobble
WHY DID HE HAVE THAT BODY...
WOBBLE
BUT STRANGEST OF ALL...
KAIN SEEMED SO YOUNG...
?
??
!!?
<SFX> PULL

Hooray Go Kain!
Big success!
WHY YOU ...!!
touch
<SFX> CRUSH!
<SFX> GRR!!
DON'T WASTE ENERGY ON SUCH STUPID THINGS!!
WHAT IF YOU END UP NEEDING IT!?
It's okay, Meifa! I've already gathered a lot, right Daddy?
Ha, ha, ha!
Just 2 sections. (2%)
SHUU!!
Wa-!
Kai-
eyes!
<SFX> WAAH! RUN AWAY!
<SFX> ZOOM
YOU TOO!
COME HOME NOW!
GET TO WORK! STOP GOOFING AROUND..

<SFX> HAHAHA!
Shuu! Rin!
Let's play again tomorrow!
BU-BUT, DAD!!
I WAS JUST PLAYING WITH KAI ..
SHUT UP!! LET'S GO!
.....
SEE YOU TOMORROW!
OKAY, KAIN!
<SFX> STOMP, STOMP

WHAT WAS THAT..? SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT..
THEY ACT LIKE IT'S BAD TO PLAY WITH YOU!
WELL.. THERE'S NOTHING WE CAN DO, RIGHT?
bzzt
I AM A KIDOUSHI, JUST LIKE GOGAI...
I CAN'T MAKE THEM TRUST ME SO EASILY.
BUT...
WASN'T IT YOU WHO KILLED THAT GOGAI?
<SFX> GRR!
AARG!!
ARE YOU TRYING TO AMAKE ME ANGRY?
Like a letter V!
Now, now!! your eyebrows are like this again!!! It doesn't suit you...
But maybe that's just how you're supposed to look.
<SFX> HAHAHA!

GEEZ... ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!
THAT MAN... ISN'T HE SHUU'S FATHER...?
YOU'RE RIGHT!
THIS IS NO GOOD! WE HAVE TO PUT AN END TO THIS!
HE WON THE CHILD JUST LIKE THAT!
<SFX> SL...M!!
HE'S THE SAME AS GOGAI!
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING?!! YOU TOO SAW THAT GUY'S BODY, DIDN'T YOU?
BUT WE CAN'T HELP IT IF THE KIDS LIKE HIM...
HE DID DEFEAT GOGAI, AFTER ALL.

HE'S A MONSTER!!
<SFX> TAP
THOSE GUYS...
.....!!
<SFX> GRAB
IT'S OKAY, MEIFA.
!!
IT'S NOT!! THERE'S NO WAY-
I SAID IT'S OKAY...

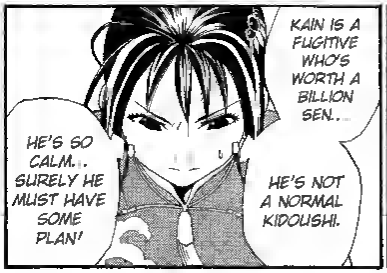
BECAUSE I...
<SFX> OPEN
EH?
WHY? WHAT IS IT?
WE- WE'RE IN TROUBLE !!
Outside the rampart!!
There's a Kidoushi...
IT'S SO DANGEROUS OUTSIDE!
BOYS LIKE YOU SHOULDN'T WANDER AROUND ALL ALONE, RIGHT?

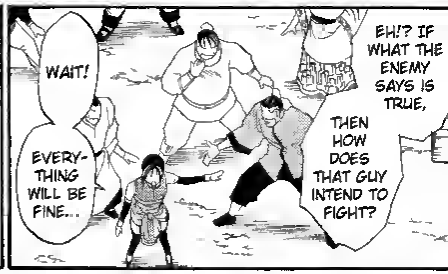
chk chk
AAAAH, VILLAGERS!
HURRY UP AND BRING ME THAT "HUMAN MAGNET,"
BEFORE I GET TIRED OF WAITING.
<SFX> OPEN
hehe
THERE'S ONLY ONE ENEMY, BUT HE'S A KIDOU-SHI...
THIS IS BAD... KAIN CAN'T FIGHT YET.
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?!
WHAT SHOULD WE DO, MEIFA?
SH-SHUU!!
.....!!!
<SFX> TOSS

!!!
KA-
KAIN?!
[SFX? ZAAA
YOU'RE SO IMPATIENT...
You've got quite a lot on your hands, huh?
crackle
crackle
Well...hi!
WELL... YOU'LL END UP BEGGING ME FOR MERCY...
HA, HA... YOU'RE "NO. 0"!?

I KNOW A LOT ABOUT YOU, YOU KNOW...
YOU'RE A FUGITIVE KIDOUSHI FROM REN.
HEARING THAT NAME BRINGS BACK MEMORIES
AND MY KIKAI DOESN'T USE IRON
THERE'S NO IRON AROUND HERE FOR YOU TO USE...
BUT... YOU USE MAGNETISM,
YOU DO INDEED KNOW A LOT ABOUT ME...
IT'S AN UNUSUALLY EFFECTIVE MOVE TO USE AGAINST US KIDOUSHI.
BUT YOU USED IT AGAINST GOUKI FIVE DAYS AGO... YOU DON'T HAVE ENOUGH HOUKI TO USE "HAKAISHOU" NOW...
AND YOUR TRUMP CARD... "HAKAISHOU"...
YOU ARE RIGHT, BUT...
RIGHT?
DESTROYS ALL KIKAI UNCONDITIONALLY.

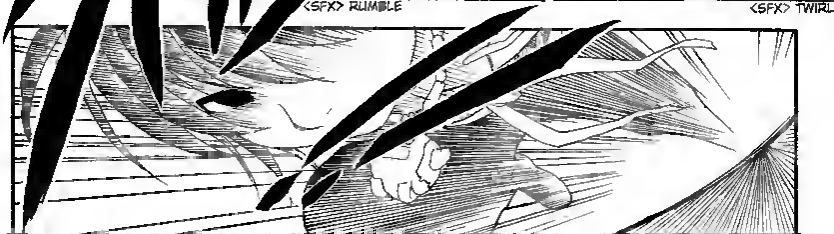
WHAT GOOD IS THAT GOING TO DO YOU?


KAIN IS A FUGITIVE WHO'S WORTH A BILLION SEN..
HE'S NOT A NORMAL KIDOUSHI.
HE'S SO CALM.. SURELY HE MUST HAVE SOME PLAN!


WAIT!
EVERY-THING WILL BE FINE...
EH!? IF WHAT THE ENEMY SAYS IS TRUE,
THEN HOW DOES THAT GUY INTEND TO FIGHT?

OR SOME-THING LIKE THAT?
"PLEASE FORGIVE ME, I'M SORRY"
<SFX> RUMBLE

SNAP
NOW, NOW... "No. 0,"
"WHAT GOOD IS THAT GOING TO DO YOU?
SHOULDN'T YOU BE SAYING...
<SFX> TWIRL

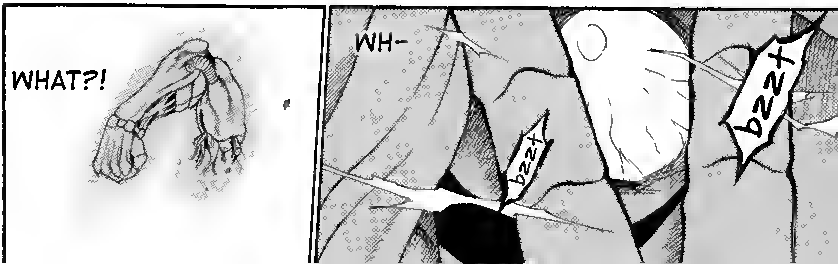


<SFX> CHOP
!!!!
<SFX> SKID

<SFX> GYAHAHAHAHAHAHAHAHA!
WHAT'S WITH YOU! YOU REALLY ARE WEAK!
POOL!
AREN'T YOU QUITE VULNERABLE?!
WHY DID YOU DO THIS...
FOR ME?
K-KAIN.
E-EH!?
DID HE GET HURT?!
LET'S PLAY AGAIN TOMORROW!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SHUU?
DIDN'T I PROMISE?
KAIN...
KA-

<SFX> DASH
THAT'S ENOUGH.
<SFX> STOP
DADDY.. HOW MUCH HOUKI DO I HAVE?
Still 2 sections!
ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY FROM ME, "1 BILLION SEN"?
YOU WON'T ESCAPE!
<SFX> DASH
DIREC-TION: OK!
ANGLE: OK!
point
MAGNETIC POLE TOTAL OPENING,
"IN"
<SFX> CRACKLE
イン
<SFX> STOP

<SFX> BAM
!!!?


WHAT?!
WH-
bzzt
bzzt

HE USED HIS TORN ARM AS A WEAPON
.....
Sh-
SHUUU!!
<SFX> RAAAAAHH!
ALSO... WHEN HE SEEMED LIKE HE WAS RUNNING...
IT WAS ACTUALLY PART OF HIS PLAN!!

WE WERE FOOLISH...
I'M REALLY SORRY, KAIN.
YOU OWE HIM A PROPER APOLOGY!
DON'T YOU FEEL BAD ABOUT THE CRUEL THINGS YOU SAID TO KAIN?

I WAS LONELY FOR A LONG TIME.
WHEN I FLED FROM REN,
APOLOGIES ACCEPTED.
IT'S OK,
THERE WEREN'T EVEN PEOPLE AROUND TO DISLIKE ME.
Anyway, I really have a problem.
What?
This has reached its limit
(SFX) FLOP
KAIN?
.....

<SFX> WAAAH!
FIVE DAYS HUH...
Five days if we are quick.
DADDY,
WE NEED TO GO TO "THE FOREST OF THE PHOENIX." HOW LONG WILL A ROUND TRIP TAKE?
IT'LL TAKE ONE WEEK FOR THE FRONT ARMY TO GET HERE.
WE CAN MAKE IT IN TIME.
EH...
JUST NOW, DID THAT THING SPEAK?!
MEIFA!!
CAN YOU GO WITH ME FOR FIVE DAYS?
GO WITH YOU.. WHERE?
TO FIX THIS!
WE'RE GOING TO "THE FOREST OF THE PHOENIX."

EXPERI-
MENT
"NO. 0" IS
IN THE FAR
EASTERN
CITY OF
KINTAN.
IT HAS
BEEN
CON-
FIRMED.
WAS
ORDERED TO
FIND AND
DETAIN HIM.
SHUKOU,
THE ARMY
COMMANDER
OF THE
EASTERN
DISTRICT...
AND...

KAIN...

Meifa

- The former feudal lord's 17 year old daughter
- Strong-willed
- Physically strong
- Has a strong sense of justice

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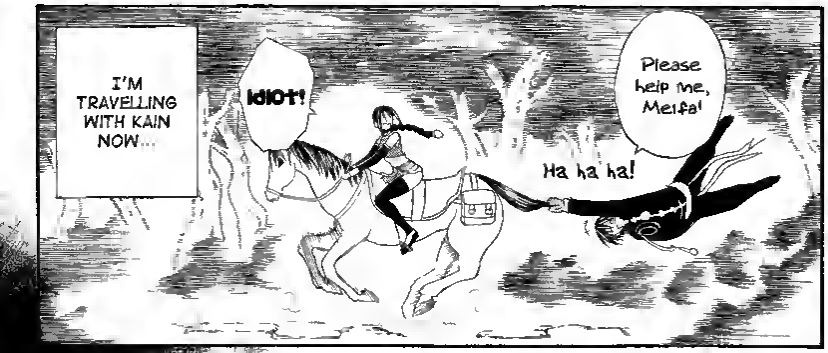
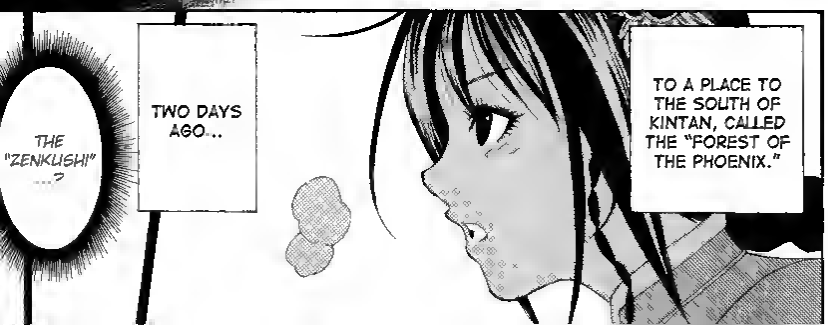
THIRD CHRONICLE: ZENKUSHI

<SFX> WHOOSH
Sorry for dragging you into this, Meifa!
Yayyyyyy easy! Easy!
<SFX> WHOOSH
BESIDES..
DON'T WORRY! WE CAN'T WALK THE WHOLE WAY...
<SFX> WHOOSH
clop
clop
RIGHT, RIGHT.
YOU SAVED MY TOWN.
Hey! Let go of my hair!
<SFX> WHOOSH
THE FOREST OF THE PHOENIX..
BUT IT'S BORING JUST SITTING HERE!
stand
Every Daddy's asleep!

I can see better this way. And I have excellent balancing skills.
DON'T WORRY !!
<SFX> STAND
IT SHOULD BE COMING INTO VIEW SOON.
5-
STOP! THAT'S DANGER-OUS! SIT BACK DOWN!
...
<SFX> SMACK


I'M TRAVELLING WITH KAIN NOW...
Idiot!
Please help me, Meifa!
Ha ha ha!


TO A PLACE TO THE SOUTH OF KINTAN, CALLED THE "FOREST OF THE PHOENIX."
TWO DAYS AGO...
THE "ZENKUSHI" ...?

IN THE FOREST OF THE PHOENIX THERE'S A ZENKUSHI WHO IS PART OF THE SAME ORGANIZATION I'M IN.
I WANT TO GO THERE AND ASK HIM TO FIX THIS.
THAT'S WHAT A ZENKUSHI, OR "BODY MECHANIC," DOES.
YES.
A SPECIAL KIDOUSHI WHO CAN MEND AND REPAIR A KIKAI THAT'S BEEN BROKEN.
OTHER THAN THE NATIONAL ARMY...
I'VE NEVER HEARD OF A GROUP OF KIDOUSHI ..
ORGANI-ZATION ..? WAIT A MINUTE!!
ALL OF ITS MEMBERS ARE FUGITIVE KIDOUSHI... LIKE ME.
IT'S CALLED "KOHAN."

NOT EVEN THE KING OF REN KNOWS OF ITS EXSISTENCE YET...
BUT HE'LL SURELY LEARN OF IT SOONER OR LATER.
I DON'T MIND YOUR KNOWING ABOUT ALL OF THIS...
SO THEN...
WILL YOU PLEASE COME WITH ME TO THE "FOREST OF THE PHOENIX"?
WON'T YOU BE FASTER IF YOU GO ALONE?
I CAN LEND YOU A HORSE.
THERE'S ONE PROBLEM.
<SFX> HAHAH!!!
はっはっはっ!!
I don't know how to ride!
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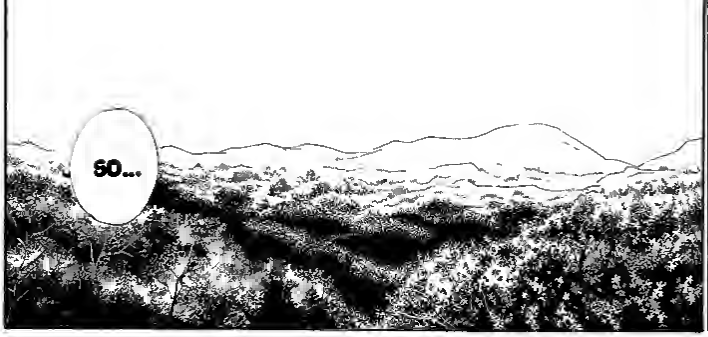
SO...

Where exactly is this Zenkushi?
Um...that's strange.
ドヨーン
<SFX> DOOOOOOM
<SFX> RUSTLE RUSTLE

Don't be stupid! This is a forest! Who...
rustle
<SFX> GRRR!
Now, now!
Let's ask someone for directions, okay?
Is this a joke!? You call that a map!?
This is a total disaster!!
According to this map I got from the chief, it should be here.
the place
Maybe we made a wrong turn somewhere?
.....!!

OH? SO SOMEONE REALLY IS HERE!

THIS CAN'T BE...
A CHILD, HERE IN THE DEPTHS OF THE FOREST?
HI HI! YOUNG LADY,
THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU...

?
nod nod

<SFX> WHACK
!!!

AREN'T YOU GUYS SOLDIERS FROM REN COMING AFTER GRANDPA?
ONLY PEOPLE WHO MIND THEIR OWN BUSINESS LIVE IN THIS FOREST!
<SFX> GRAB
SHUT UP!
W-WAIT!
WHAT'D YOU DO THAT FOR, ALL OF A SUDDEN!

<SFX> PLACE!
THIS IS AS FAR AS YOU'LL GO!
LET'S GO-
LET'S GO!
ooo
<SFX> CHAK!!
YOUNG LADY...
IS YOUR GRANDFATHER THE ZENKUSHI RYUUGI?
Oh? You know grandpa's name. That's even more suspicious!
sigh
It's really a pity...

WHEN I'M FINISHED WITH YOU, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO GO TO GRANDPA'S PLACE!
BECAUSE YOU WON'T DEFEAT ME!
<SFX> DON

OKAY...
Let's go, Meifa.
I see. Then there's no reason for us to hang around.
Since we can't pass

Hahaha!
MEIFA! HOW ABOUT IF YOU DO IT?
D-DON'T BE STUPID!!
SINCE YOU PRACTICE MARTIAL ARTS...
WHY WOULD I WANT TO FIGHT A LITTLE CHILD?
glint
WAAAAAA! DON'T GO!
YOU CAN PASS IF YOU WIN AGAINST ME!!
<SFX> CLING

AHAHA, YOU DIDN'T EXPECT THAT, DID YOU, MISTER SOLDIER?
You're lucky I only used the flat
WHEN YOU'RE FIGHTING, ANY DISTRACTION COULD PROVE TO BE FATAL.
<SFX> THUMP
NOW'S MY CHANCE!
<SFX> WHACK
AH?
It... came off?
THUD
AH!
.....!!!
<SFX> WAHHH!!
わぁあ
I'M SOOOOO OOOO SORRY!
I DIDN'T MEAN TO GO THAT FAR!
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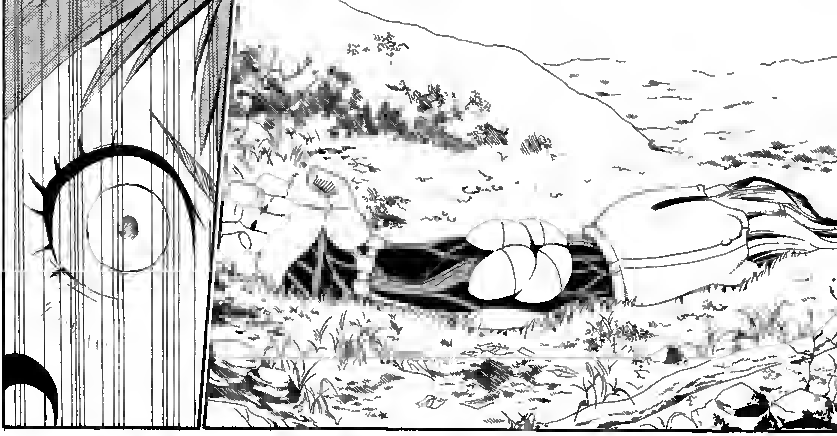
IT WAS ALREADY LIKE THAT.
THAT'S OKAY, YOUNG LADY.

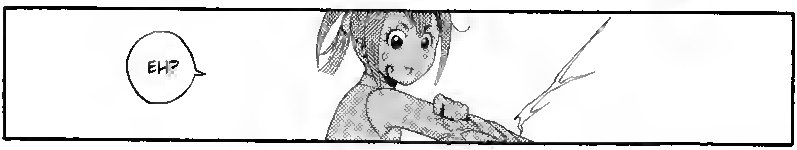


<SFX> WHOOSH

YOU TWO .. AREN'T ORDINARY PEOPLE..
CLICK
YOU'RE KIDOUSHI FROM REN, AREN'T YOU!?
W-WAIT! YOU'RE WRONG!
WE'RE...
<SFX> THUMP
IN THAT CASE... I'M A KIDOUSHI TOO!

WAIT... RULAN...

NICE TO MEET YOU!
AND WOULD YOU BE RYUUGI?
KAIN...?
YOU... COULD YOU BE..


EH?

I - I'M SOOOOO OOOO SORRY!
I DIDN'T - I DIDN'T KNOW...
I DIDN'T KNOW THAT YOU GUYS WERE GRANDPA'S CUSTOMERS!

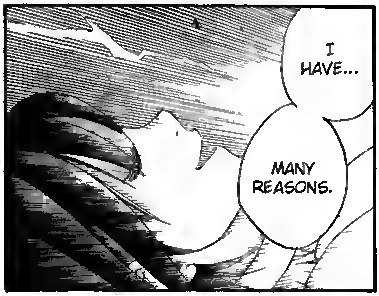
Hahaha!
RYUUJI, YOU HAVE A GOOD GUARD!
YOU'LL BE SAFE WHEN REN'S ARMY ATTACKS!
PLEASE PARDON US, KAIN.
I, TOO, MUST APOLOGIZE. SHE IS MY GRAND-DAUGHTER AND MY RESPONSI-BILITY.
WHAT AM I GOING TO DO WITH YOU...?
FISHING FOR COMPLI-MENTS..
Y... YOU THINK SO?
Kain and I are both kidoushi. Like Grandpa!
Yeah!
RULAN'S RIGHT ARM...
IS THAT...
EX-EXCUSE ME...

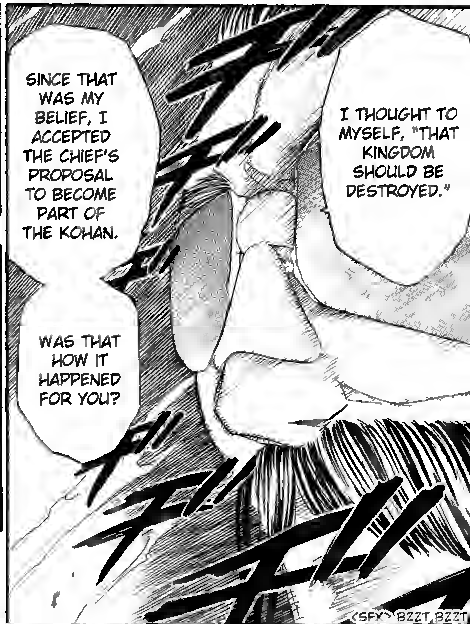
HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HANDY...
YES.
SO THIS GIRL HAS BEEN OPERATED ON AS WELL?
WITH THESE CHAINS...
RAIEN, THE KING OF REN... WOULD EVEN BURDEN SUCH A YOUNG CHILD...
NOWADAYS, THEY DON'T BREAK LIKE THAT, WITH THE "METHOD OF NATURAL STORAGE."
ANYWAY, KAIN, YOUR MODEL OF KIKAI IS QUITE OLD
...
YES?
WHILE I'M AT IT, I'LL ALSO FILL YOUR HOUKI.
RULAN.
??
WHAT'S WRONG?

O-OKAY.
MEIFA,
WOULD YOU PLEASE GO WITH HER?
PLEASE GO TO THE MINE AND BRING ME BACK SOME "HOURIN SEKI."
<SFX> GRIP
WHAT MADE YOU FLEE REN AND JOIN THE KOHAN?
I HEAR THAT MOST ZENKUSHI ARE HIGHLY RESPECTED IN REN.
SO YOU ARE THE INFAMOUS KAIN.
WHEN I WAS STILL IN REN, I HEARD MANY RUMORS ABOUT YOU.

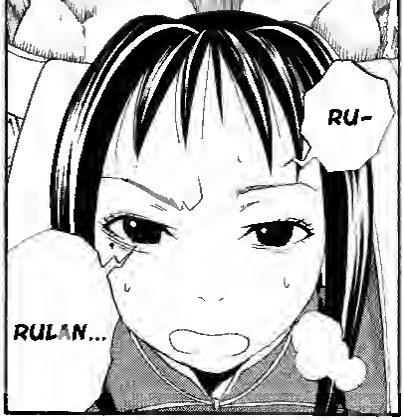
<SFX> CLANKITY CLANK

MY FAMILY OPPOSED THE IDEA OF RULAN BEING GIVEN A KIKAI.
<SFX> BZZT BZZT
THE NATIONAL ARMY SLAUGHTERED THEM
SO I FLED, AND TOOK RULAN WITH ME.
<SFX> BZZT BZZT

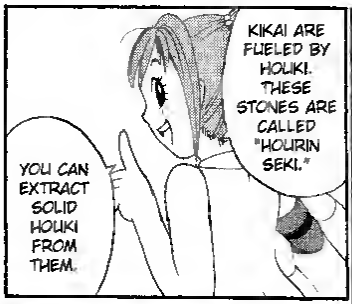

I HAVE...
MANY REASONS.


I THOUGHT TO MYSELF, "THAT KINGDOM SHOULD BE DESTROYED."
SINCE THAT WAS MY BELIEF, I ACCEPTED THE CHIEF'S PROPOSAL TO BECOME PART OF THE KOHAN.
WAS THAT HOW IT HAPPENED FOR YOU?
<SFX> BZZT BZZT

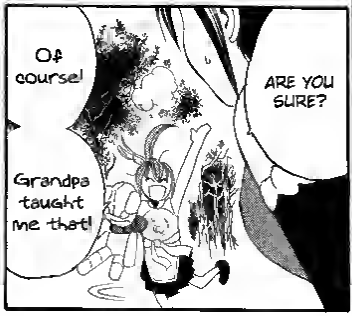
WHATEVER THEY ARE, I'M GLAD.
EVEN IF I DIE, I'LL HAVE BEEN USEFUL TO YOU AND THE KOHAN.
<SFX> PAUSE
Urgh...
<SFX> DRIP
!!
hack
hack
RYUUGI...
YOU...


RU-
RULAN...

Meifa, we have to hurry!
Kain is waiting!


KIKAI ARE FUELED BY HOUKI. THESE STONES ARE CALLED "HOURIN SEKI."
YOU CAN EXTRACT SOLID HOUKI FROM THEM.

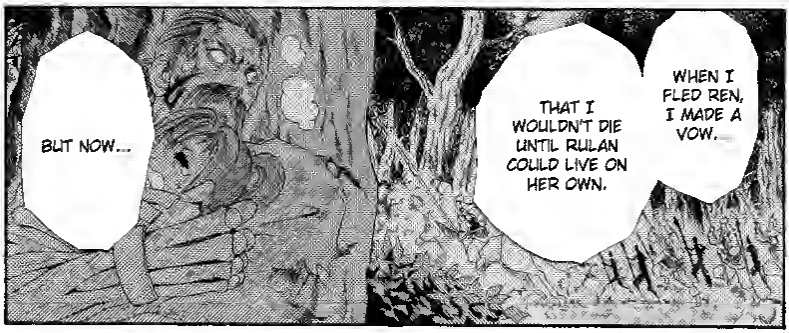
WHAT ARE THESE ROCKS?
AH, YOU DON'T KNOW?
(SFX) HEAVY LOAD


ARE YOU SURE?
Of course!
Grandpa taught me that!

But back in Ren, he was a really famous zenkushi
Grandpa lives here now because he got in an argument with the king of Ren.

YOU REALLY LOVE YOUR GRAND-FATHER, DON'T YOU?
YOU WOULDN'T EVEN LET US PASS SO YOU COULD PROTECT HIM.
I LOVE HIM LOTS!
THAT'S RIGHT!
chirp chirp
I'VE ONLY JUST BEGUN FIXING YOU!
YOU'RE READY TO LEAVE?
IF YOU DIED FIXING ME, WHAT WOULD I TELL RULAN?
YOU SHOULDN'T OVERWORK YOURSELF.
YOU'VE DONE ENOUGH.

IF I DIE...
I WILL ENTRUST RULAN TO YOU.
KAIN...
DON'T WORRY ABOUT MY TROUBLES.


BUT NOW...
THAT I WOULDN'T DIE UNTIL RULAN COULD LIVE ON HER OWN.
WHEN I FLED REN, I MADE A VOW.

I'M GOING TO FIX YOU PROPERLY...
THEN I CAN REST IN PEACE.
BUT... I DON'T HAVE ANYTHING TO WORRY ABOUT, RIGHT?

SFX SLICE
bark bark
grrrr
SFX THUD
whine

- The zenkushi Ryuugi's 9 year old granddaughter
- Very scatterbrained
- Tries to act grown-up
- Raised by her grandfather

Rulan

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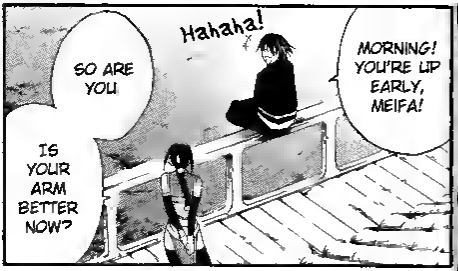
早くも大人気御礼!!
少女の儚き願いを聞けて!!
新連載第1回センターカラー
大増3P!!
カオン
CHRONICLE 4: THE BOND
内水融

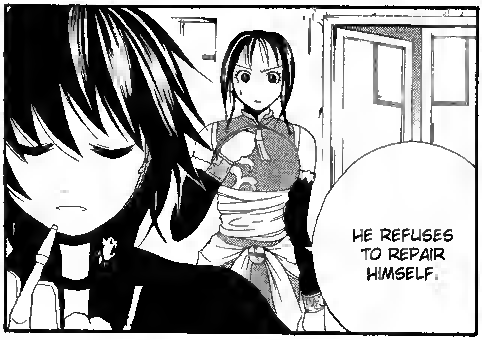

Hahaha!
MORNING! YOU'RE UP EARLY, MEIFA!
SO ARE YOU.
IS YOUR ARM BETTER NOW?

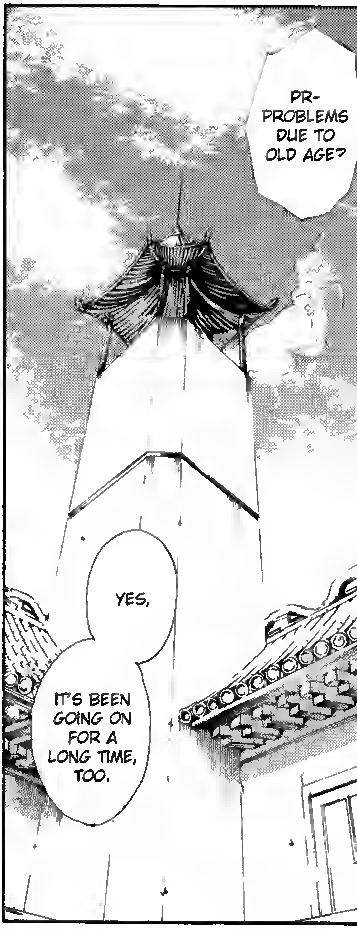
KAIN...

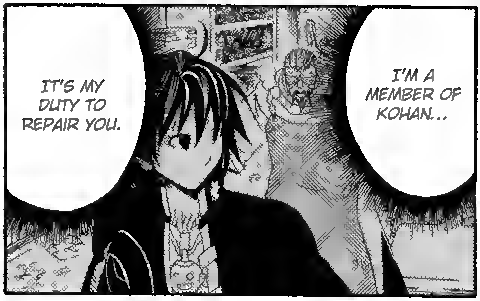
creak
YES, IT'S ALMOST FINISHED.
TODAY RYUUGI IS GOING TO DO SOME FINAL TWEAKING, THEN REFILL MY KIDOU.

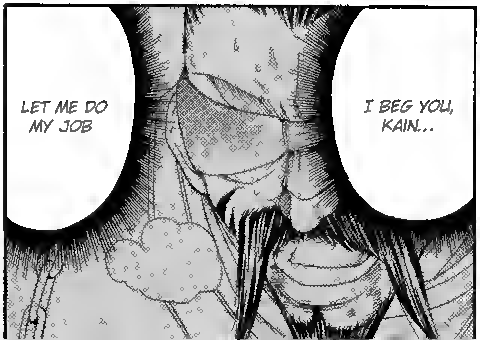
RYUUGI... IS HE OKAY?
HIS CONDITION SEEMS PRETTY BAD.
LAST NIGHT HE LOOKED SO UNWELL.
Good mowning, Gwandpa!
Time for your medicine!
You coughed a lot yesterday,
so you need to take it, even if it tastes bad
RULAN...
HOP HOP HOP
(SFX) CLANG!!

WE NEED TO TALK...


HE REFUSES TO REPAIR HIMSELF.


PR-PROBLEMS DUE TO OLD AGE?
YES,
IT'S BEEN GOING ON FOR A LONG TIME, TOO.


I'M A MEMBER OF KOHAN...
IT'S MY DUTY TO REPAIR YOU.


I BEG YOU, KAIN...
LET ME DO MY JOB

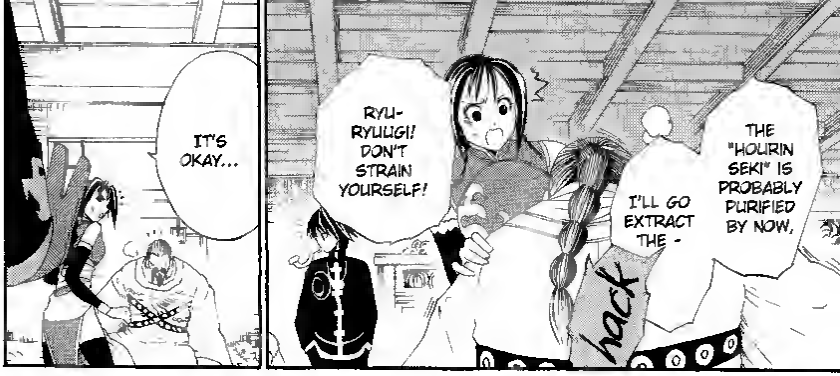
...
CAN'T HE BE REPAIRED?
I'M SURE RYUUGI...
<SFX> DASH
I'VE HAD ENOUGH!
!!

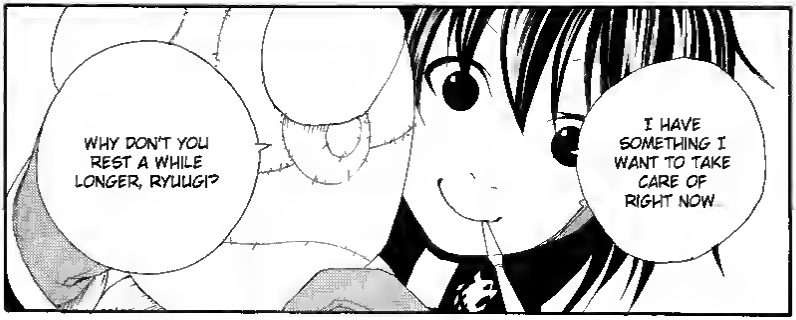
<SFX> DASH
RYUUGI!
ARE YOU OKAY?
WAS SHE CRYING?
RU-RULAN!
hack
hack
She hates me now.
It seems...
IF YOU GO WITH KAIN, THEN YOU CAN LEAVE THIS FOREST..
THIS IS A WONDERFUL CHANCE..

IF THAT INFORMATION REACHES REN, THEN I WILL SURELY BE TARGETED...
I AM A MEMBER OF AN ORGANIZATION CALLED KOHAI
STUPID!
GRANDPA!
IF YOU STAY HERE...
YOU'LL BE IN HARM'S WAY!
HOWEVER, I HAVE FOUND SOME TOYS I'D LIKE TO PLAY WITH,
PLEASE PERMIT ME TO HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF FUN WITH THEM
whoosh
I WILL COMPLETE "MISSION: CAPTURE NO. 0."
I'VE RECIEVED MY ORDERS,
AND AM CURRENTLY SEARCHING THE FOREST.
GENERAL SHOKU, THIS IS MORU, REPORTING.

I'M BORED OF KILLING ONLY BEASTS...
RULAN RAN AWAY!
WHY WOULD SHE...
YESTER-DAY, I TOLD HER ABOUT MY CONDITION.
SHE TOOK IT VERY HARD.

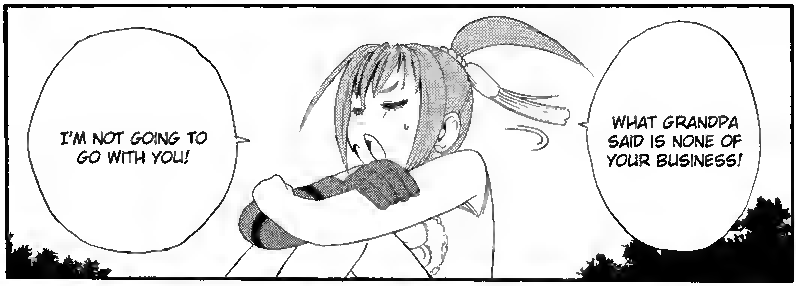
BUT...
SHE COULDN'T BEAR THE IDEA THAT I WOULD DIE.
JUST BECAUSE I FLED REN.
THAT GIRL HAS LIVED IN THIS FOREST FOR A LONG TIME...
ooo
I DON'T WANT HER TO STAY HERE JUST FOR THE SAKE OF THIS OLD FOOL...
I WANT RULAN TO SEE THE WORLD WITH HER OWN EYES.
I THOUGHT I COULD ENTRUST HER TO KAIN WITHOUT A FUSS,
BUT I REALIZE THAT IT WAS SELFISH OF ME.


IT'S OKAY...
RYU-RYUUGI! DON'T STRAIN YOURSELF!
I'LL GO EXTRACT THE -
THE "HOURIN SEKI" IS PROBABLY PURIFIED BY NOW.
.hack

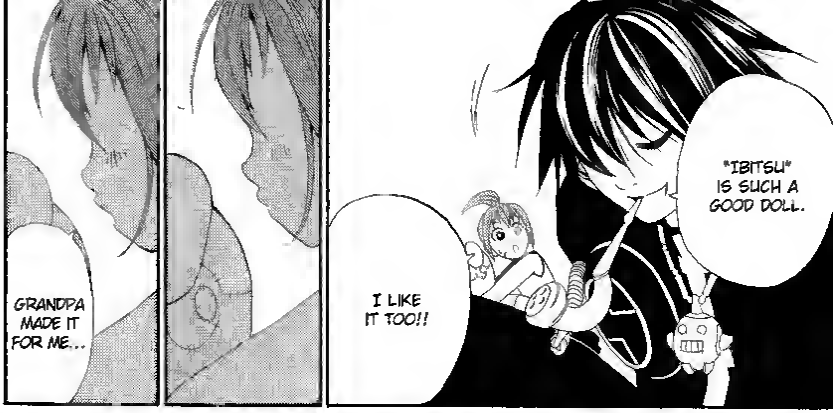

WHY DON'T YOU REST A WHILE LONGER, RYUUGI?
I HAVE SOMETHING I WANT TO TAKE CARE OF RIGHT NOW.

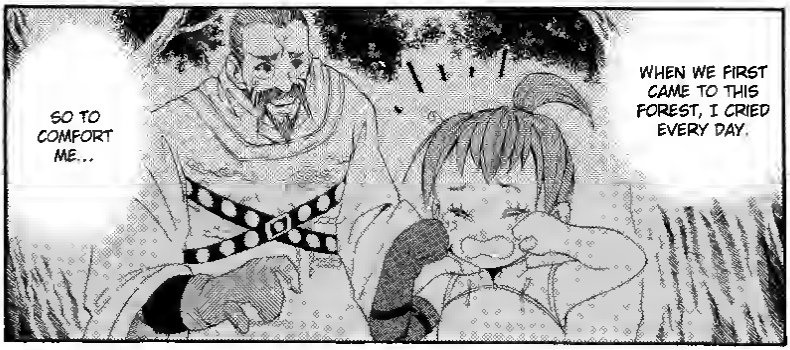
sniff

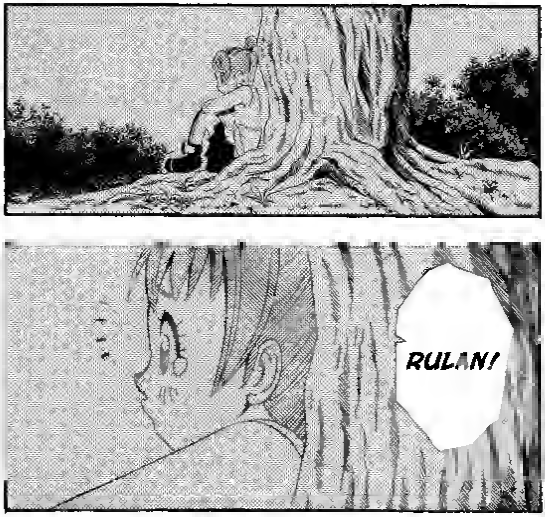
K-
KAIN!?
SO HERE YOU ARE!
I WAS LOOKING FOR YOU, RULAN.
<SFX> CLIMB CLIMB
<SFX> POP UP
Hey there, Runaway!


I'M NOT GOING TO GO WITH YOU!
WHAT GRANDPA SAID IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS!

I'M NOT GOING TO SAY THANK YOU!
<SFX> SNATCH
Hahaha!
NOW NOW, I'M JUST HERE TO BRING YOU THIS.
YOU FORGOT IT.

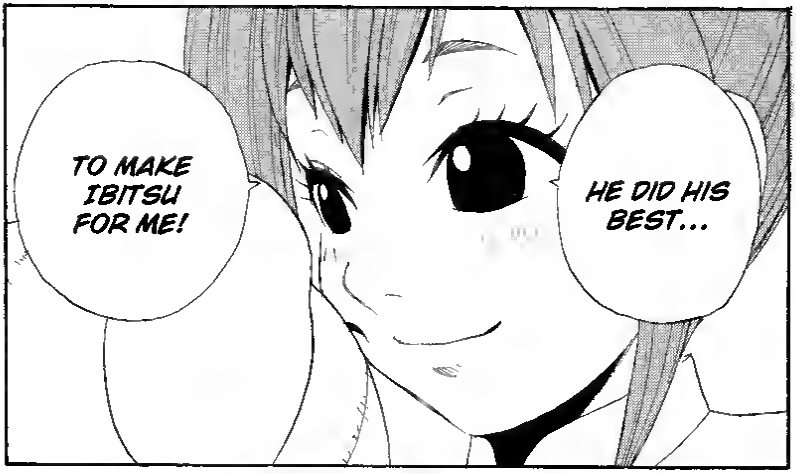

"IBITSU" IS SUCH A GOOD DOLL.
I LIKE IT TOO!!
GRANDPA MADE IT FOR ME...

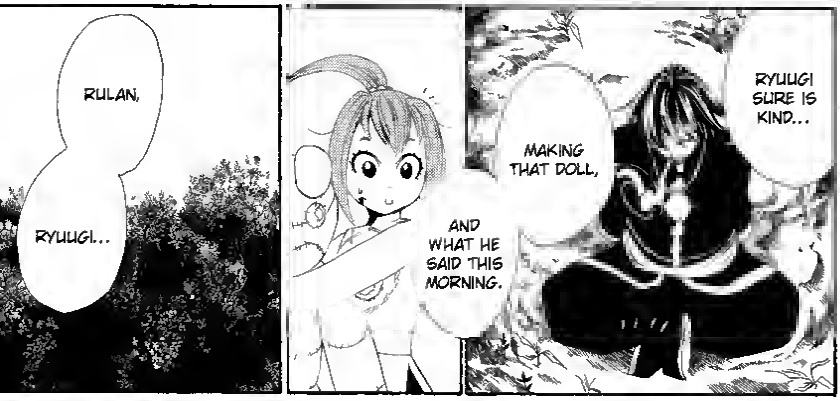

WHEN WE FIRST CAME TO THIS FOREST, I CRIED EVERY DAY.
SO TO COMFORT ME...

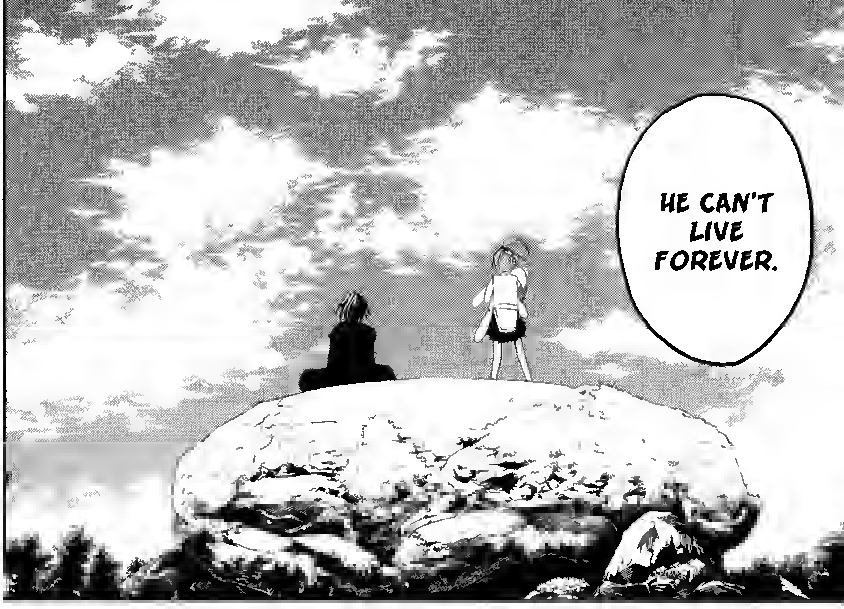

EVEN THOUGH HE'D NEVER SEWN BEFORE.
AND EVEN THOUGH HE WAS INJURED,
STITCH BY STITCH...
RULAN!

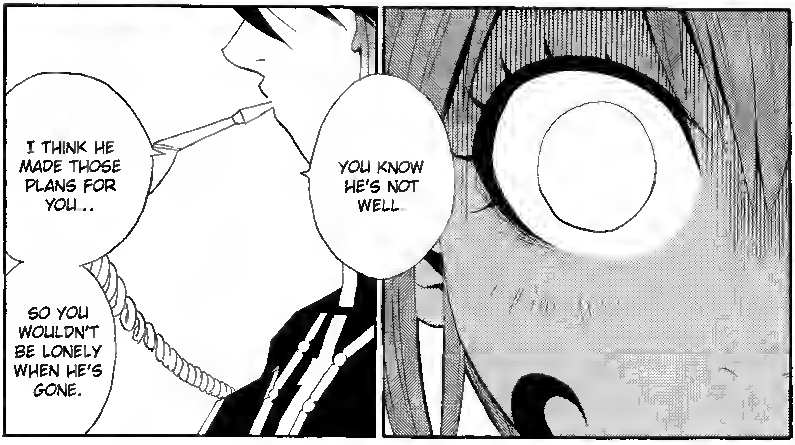
THIS RABBIT ...
IS FOR YOU!

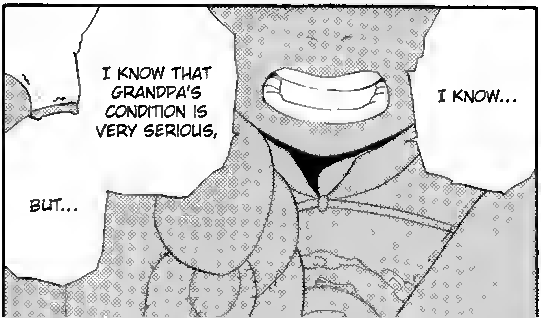
<SFX> BAM

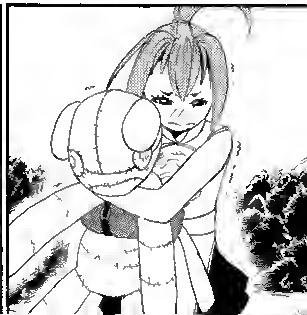

HE DID HIS BEST...
TO MAKE IBITSU FOR ME!


RULAN,
RYUUGI...
RYUUGI SURE IS KIND...
MAKING THAT DOLL,
AND WHAT HE SAID THIS MORNING.


HE CAN'T LIVE FOREVER.

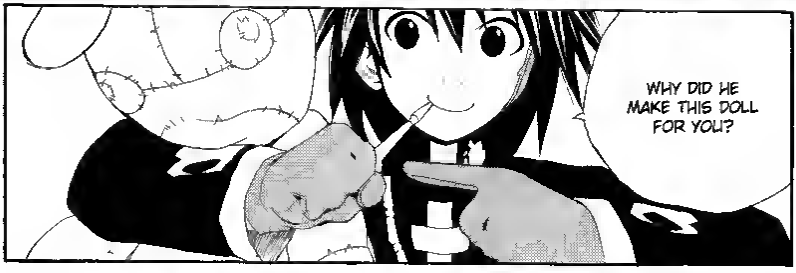

I THINK HE MADE THOSE PLANS FOR YOU...
SO YOU WOULDN'T BE LONELY WHEN HE'S GONE.
YOU KNOW HE'S NOT WELL...

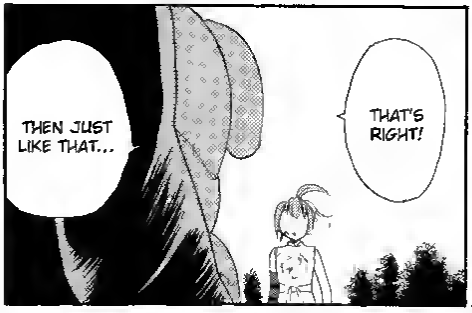

I KNOW THAT GRANDPA'S CONDITION IS VERY SERIOUS,
BUT...


I KNOW...

I WANT TO STAY WITH HIM!
BUT... EVEN SO...
<SFX> CRY
OH?
It fell down.
drop
<SFX> STREEEEEEEEETCH
WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
I'M BEING SERIOUS, HERE!
Hahaha!
RULAN.
WH-

YOU DON'T HAVE TO CRY.
IF YOU CRY,
RYUUGI WILL FEEL BAD, WON'T HE?

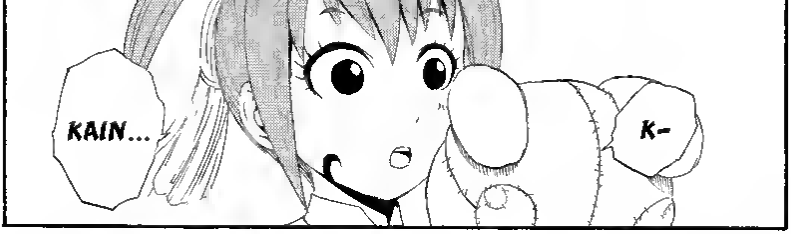

WHY DID HE MAKE THIS DOLL FOR YOU?


THEN JUST LIKE THAT...
THAT'S RIGHT!

S-SO-
SO I WOULDN'T BE SAD.

WHY DON'T YOU MAKE A PROMISE TO YOURSELF?
"NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I WON'T CRY."
IT WOULD MAKE RYUUGI HAPPY.
BECAUSE HE WANTS YOU TO LIVE A FULL AND HAPPY LIFE, RULAN.

<SFX> SHAKE SHAKE
ぶんぶんっ
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN MAKE THAT PROMISE?
WHAT TO DO FROM NOW ON IS ONLY FOR YOU TO DECIDE...
IF YOU CAN DO THAT,
THEN YOU'LL SAVE ME THE TROUBLE OF FORCING YOU TO COME WITH ME.
<SFX> SNIFF
ぐしゃ
I KNOW I CAN!
MEIFA AND I ARE HEADING BACK TO KINTAN TODAY.
YOU CAN FIND US THERE ANYTIME!
IF YOU NEED ANYTHING,
Hahaha!


KAIN...
K-

HOW ABOUT WE GO BACK, AND YOU CAN MAKE PEACE WITH YOUR GRANDPA?
WELL THEN, RUNAWAY GIRL!

YEAH!
squeeze

<SFX> DOOM

OH... YOU'VE FINALLY COME!
I AM MOROU, A MEMBER OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT'S INTELLIGENCE UNIT...
COMBAT IS MY SPECIALTY.
YOU TOOK YOUR TIME GETTING HERE.
SO I DECIDED TO PLAY WITH THE TOYS THAT WERE ALREADY HERE.
SO COULD YOU WAIT WHILE I FINISH PLAYING?
<SFX> THUD
MY MAIN TARGET IS THAT GIRL.
AS I THOUGHT, IT'S NO FUN KILLING AN OLD MAN.

IT'S NO MORE EXCITING THAN KILLING A STRAY DOG.
<SFX> KICK
<SFX> THUMP

GR-
GRANDPA!

I couldn't protect Ryuugi!
I couldn't protect..
I'm so sorry, Rulan..
I...
I'm sorry..

IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME...
click
<SFX> GRUNCH
SINCE I LAST FELT THE WAY I DO NOW.

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THE 5TH CHRONICLE: RECHARGED!!
<SFX> HISS
SHOULD I KEEP PLAYING WITH MY TOY...
AH... SO...
OR SHOULD I CAPTURE NUMBER 0?
AH, IT DOESN'T MATTER.
step
rustle
I CAN HANDLE BOTH OF THOSE JOBS.
<SFX> STEP STEP
I THINK...
<SFX> STEP

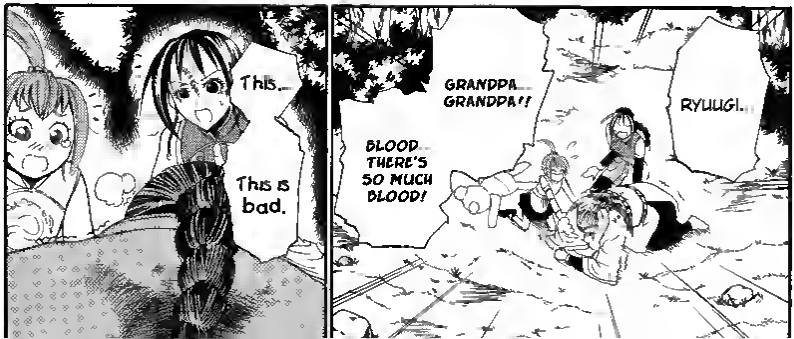
!!!
<SFX> WHOOSH

NUMBER 0, DOGS...
OLD MEN...
ARE YOU MORE ANY INTERESTING THAN THEY ARE?
IF YOU CAN'T CATCH UP TO ME,
I WON'T EVEN BOTHER WITH YOU.

(SFX) WHAM!
THE 5TH CHRONICLE:
RECHARGED!!
(SFX) THUD
!!!?

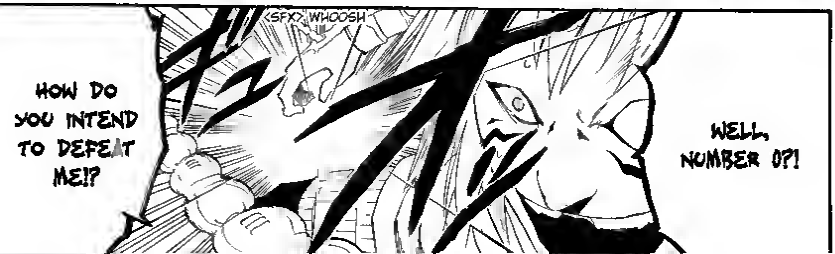
TO PLAY WITH?
THAT'S YOUR REASON?
<SFX> CRACK
THAT'S WHY...
YOU ATTACKED RYUUGI?
Heh
Heh
shiver
shudder

<SFX> CLANG
TODAY IS MUCH...
MUCH
MUCH MORE EXCITING THAN USUAL!
RIP
click
click
EXCEL-LENT!
YOU PASSED THE TEST, NUMBER 0.
GRANDPA!
GR-


This...
This is bad.
GRANDPA... GRANDPA!!
RYUUGI...
BLOOD... THERE'S SO MUCH BLOOD!

IF HE FIGHTS NOW...
KAIN'S REPAIRS AREN'T FINISHED YET.
HE WON'T WIN..
<SFX> WHOOSH!!

YOU MUST FINISH REPAIRING KAIN!
RIGHT NOW, WE HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF -
GRANDPA!
RULAN.


<SFX> WHOOSH
HOW DO YOU INTEND TO DEFEAT ME!?
WELL, NUMBER 07!

SHUT UP, WILL YOU?
TO LOSE
OR MAYBE...
GOUGE MY EYES OUT?
TEAR OFF MY ARMS AND LEGS?
<SFX> THUD THUD THUD

YOU'RE SPOUTING NONSENSE.
<SFX> KICK

AWOTTA
<SFX> SPLASH
!!

HOW STRANGE...
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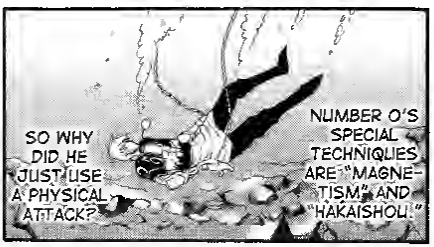
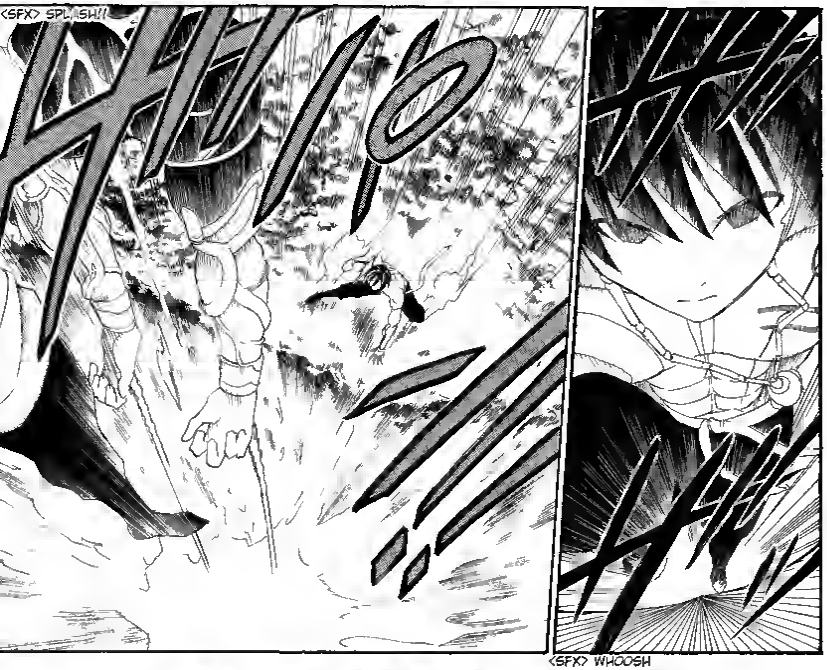
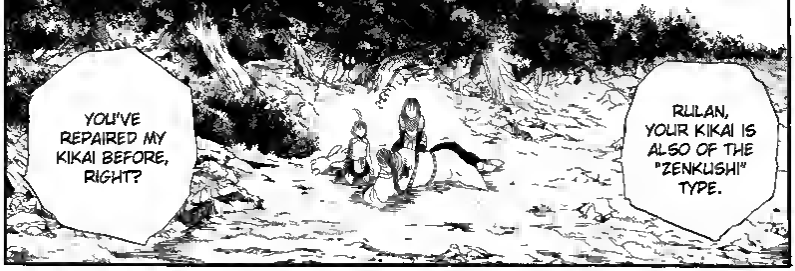
<SFX> GURGLE

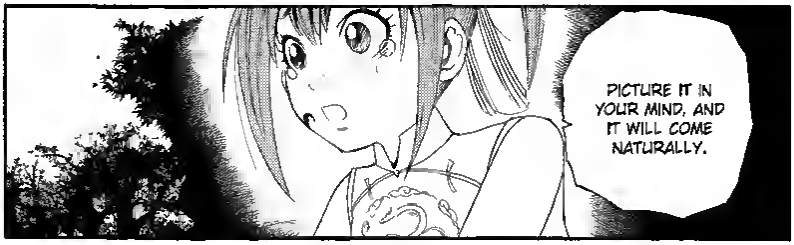
COULD IT BE...

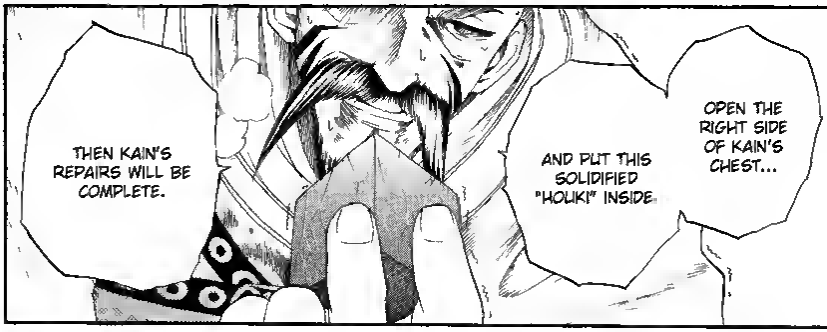

SO WHY DID HE JUST USE A PHYSICAL ATTACK?
NUMBER 0'S SPECIAL TECHNIQUES ARE "MAGNETISM" AND "HAKAISHOU!"


<SFX> SPLASH!!
<SFX> WHOOSH

YOU'RE OUT OF HOUKI!
YOU...


YOU'VE REPAIRED MY KIKAI BEFORE, RIGHT?
RULAN, YOUR KIKAI IS ALSO OF THE "ZENKUSHI" TYPE.


PICTURE IT IN YOUR MIND, AND IT WILL COME NATURALLY.

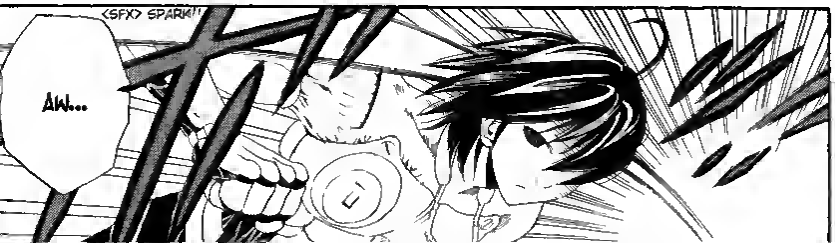

THEN KAIN'S REPAIRS WILL BE COMPLETE.
AND PUT THIS SOLIDIFIED "HOUKI" INSIDE.
OPEN THE RIGHT SIDE OF KAIN'S CHEST...

I can't do...
Something like that!
I...
I can't...

M-MEIFA!
Ugh...
RYUUGI, THAT'S ABSURD!
I'LL DO IT! PLEASE GIVE..
<SFX> DROOP

THERE'S NO OTHER WAY.
ONLY A ZENKUSHI CAN TAKE APART A KIKAI.

RU-LAN,
YOU MUST DO IT.


<SFX> SPARK!!
AW...

<SFX> CLANG CLANG CLANG CLANG
I'M REALLY DISAP-POINTED!
I WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING IT...
YOUR ULTIMATE TECHNIQUE, "HAKAISHOU."
BUT IT REQUIRES SO MUCH HOUKI...
YOU'LL NEVER PULL IT OFF.
<SFX> SPARK!!

<SFX> WRAP
SORRY ABOUT THAT.
<SFX> CLANG!!
!!
<SFX> YANK

SHIKAI BAKUJA!
<SFX> CRACKLE

MY SHIKAI, "SHIKAI JAKON," IS A CHAIN.
WIGGLE
GOOD GRIP, HUH?
IT'LL KILL YOU QUICKLY.
IT CUTS THROUGH KIKAI.
NOTHING IS MORE EXCITING THAN THIS!
<SFX> CRACK

I...
I CAN'T!
YOUR CONDITION IS SERIOUS!
LEAVING YOU...
I'VE ONLY FIXED YOU ONE TIME!
RULAN,
I CAN'T DO IT! THERE'S NO WAY!
RULAN!
PLUS ...!
<SFX> SMACK
CAN'T YOU SEE HOW HARD THIS IS FOR ME?
BUT IN THIS SITUATION, WE MAY ALL DIE. THAT INCLUDES YOU.
MY LIFE WILL END SOONER OR LATER ANYWAY.

<SFX> HUG
!!
I DON'T WANT YOU TO DIE!
NO! I DON'T ...
I WISH I COULD HAVE SPENT MORE TIME WITH YOU...
BUT YOU'VE GROWN UP SINCE THAT TIME..
YOU WERE SO LITTLE BACK THEN..
PLEASE, IT IS MY LAST WISH...
THAT YOU LIVE, RULAN!

WHY DON'T YOU MAKE A PROMISE TO YOURSELF?
"NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I WON'T CRY."
IT WOULD MAKE RYUUGI HAPPY.
BECAUSE HE WANTS YOU TO LIVE A FULL AND HAPPY LIFE, RULAN

rub

キッ!

<SFX> GLARE!!

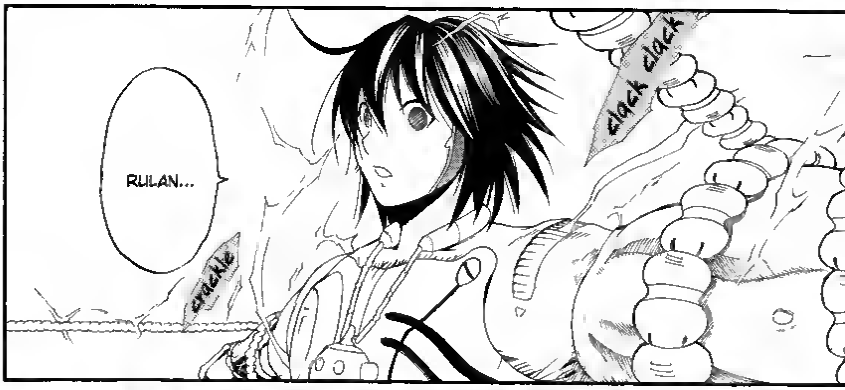
WHAT A DISAPPOINTMENT.
GUESS I'LL FINISH YOU OFF...
WILL YOU AT LEAST SCREAM LOUDER THAN A STRAY DOG?
SHIKAI SOUJA!

<SFX> CLANG
キン
ギン

SOLIDIFIED HOUKI...
FILLED UP!
<SFX> FLASH

<SFX> BURN

THE REST IS UP TO YOU!
KAIN ..
AHH AHH
<SFX> SLIDE


RULAN...
crackle
clack clack

THE INFAMOUS "HAKAI-SHOU"!
AT LAST, I CAN SEE IT!
tremble tremble
DON'T TELL ME...
A ZEN-KUSHI?!

DADDY, YOU'RE AWAKE!
LET'S GO!
My reserve is full all of a sudden!
Brat, what's going on?
Oh!?
<SFX> FLASH!!
"RIBAN."
MAGNETIC POLE OPENING:
<SFX> CRACKLE
YOU WON'T GET ME!
STEP
STEP
COME ON, AREN'T YOU GOING TO USE YOUR "HAKAI-SHOU!?
<SFX> RUMBLE
I CAN DODGE IT!
YOU'LL SEE!

<SFX> WHAM
IT DOESN'T MATTER HOW FAST YOU ARE
!!?
YOU CAN'T DODGE THIS
DO YOU KNOW THE PAIN OF DESTRUCTION?
<SFX> GRAB
Urg!

NO DOUBT, IT'S MORE EXCITING...
THAN KILLING A STRAY DOG.
HAKAISHOU!

Diary of my Workplace

CAN YOU ADD LIFE-LIKE SHADING TO THIS FIGURE HERE?
AMANO -KUN —!!
WHEN I WAS WORKING ON THE FIRST CHAPTER...
<SFX> SCRIBBLE SCRIBBLE
Right...?
Life-like...
<SFX> GRIN
Time is money
<SFX> TICK TOCK TICK TOCK
UM...
YOU DID SO WELL... DO YOU THINK YOU COULD HELP ME WITH ALL OF THIS?
AND THAT'S WHEN ALL THOSE INSTRUC-TIONS STARTED.
IS THIS A FREAKING PHOTO?!
※I CHECKED 46 PAGES!
<SFX> DUNNNN!
I'M FINISHED!
OH, THANKS!

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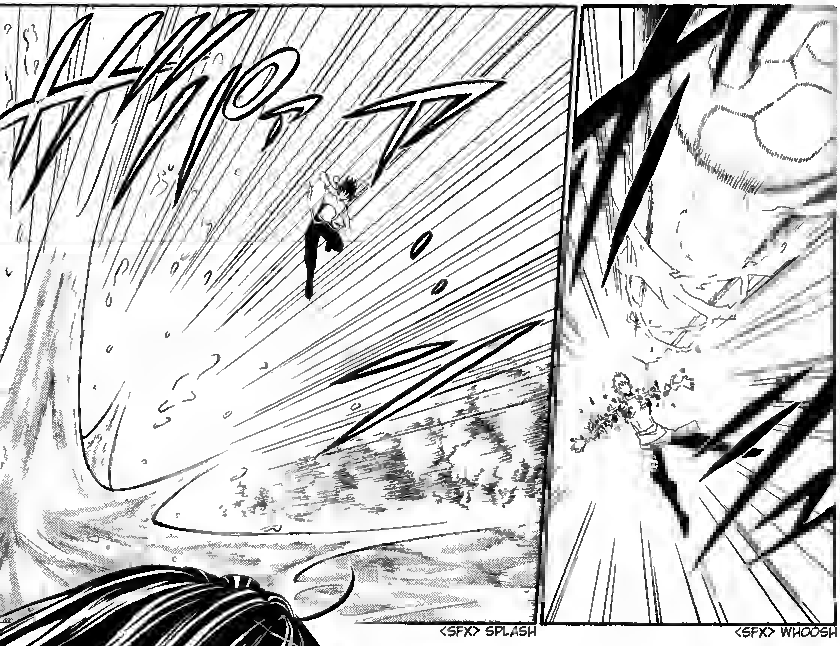


THE 6TH CHRONICLE: THANK YOU

GRANDPA..
A WOUND LIKE THIS... WE CAN TREAT IT, RIGHT?!
LET'S DO THAT RIGHT NOW, OK?
YOU WAIT HERE AND -
I'LL GO GET SOME BANDAGES AND OINTMENT.

<SFX> DASH

<SFX> GRAB

HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN NOW...
LET ME GO...
GR - GRANDPA?
BUT I NEVER REALIZED HOW RIDICULOUS THAT IDEA WAS...
SO THAT ONE DAY YOU COULD GO OUTSIDE PROUDLY...
I TRAINED YOU HARD.
I DON'T MIND IT ANY MORE!
NO, THAT'S NOT TRUE!
I'VE BEEN A NAGGING...
ANNOYING GRAND-FATHER, HAVEN'T I?

I'VE JUST MADE YOU CRY AGAIN.
BUT NOW...
I MADE YOU THIS RABBIT...
WHEN YOU USED TO CRY EVERY DAY...
I'M SORRY ...
KAIN..
MEIFA...
ST-
STUPID GRANDPA !!
WHAT ARE YOU APOLOGIZ-ING FOR!?
I'D LIKE YOU TO TAKE CARE OF RULAN FROM NOW ON ..
DO YOU ACCEPT?

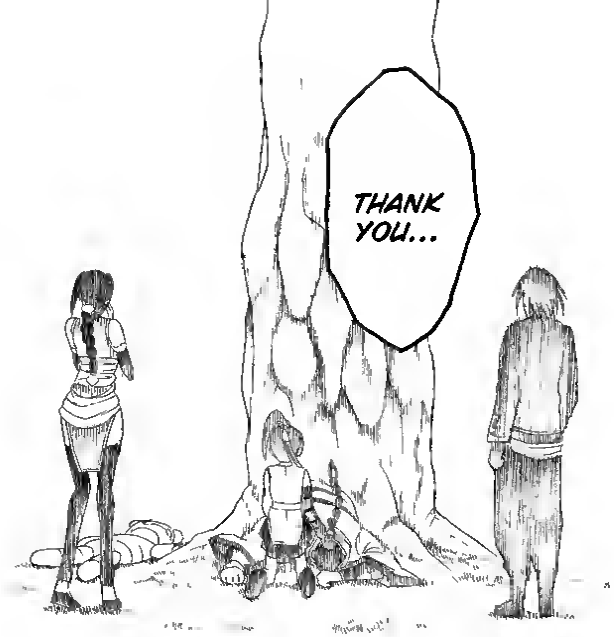
GRANDPA! WHAT DO YOU MEAN "FROM NOW ON"?
..
I'VE BEEN KEEPING YOU UNTIL NOW..
RULAN...
OF COURSE, RYUUGI..
YOU ARE FREE NOW.
SEE THIS GREAT WORLD WITH YOUR OWN EYES
DO WHAT YOU WISH TO DO
I WANT YOU TO GROW INTO A STRONG PERSON

GR -
GRAND-PA...
RULAN...
WON'T YOU DO THAT FOR ME?
THAT IS MY ONLY WISH.
squeeze

I-
I PRO-
MISE!
<SFX> GRAB

ONLY YOU, ALL THIS TIME...
ONLY YOU...
YOU WERE MY REASON TO LIVE...

RULAN...



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<SFX> DROOP

<SFX> WHOOOOSH

TO SUGGEST THAT WE LEAVE TODAY...
RULAN...
YOU'RE A MUCH STRONGER CHILD THAN I THOUGHT...
KAIN! MEIFA!
LET'S GO THEN!
crunch
All sorts of beasts come out, so let's hurry!
It'll be troublesome if it gets dark!

WH -
WHAT FOR?
THANK YOU.
!!
FOR WORRYING ABOUT MEIFA AND ME.
RULAN...
I - I WASN'T WORRYING ABOUT YOU TWO!
I KNOW,
RYUUGI SAID HE WANTED YOU TO BE STRONG...
THAT WAS ABOUT ME!

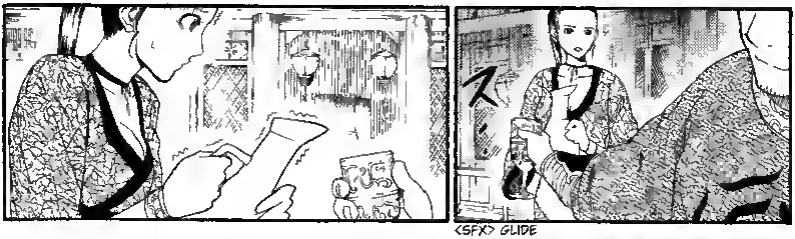
BUT JUST FOR TODAY... FORGET ABOUT YOUR PROMISE...
IT'S OKAY,
IT'S ONLY FOR ONE DAY.
CRY AS MUCH AS YOU WANT NOW.
YOU CAN START BEING STRONG TOMORROW.

<SFX> DRIP DRIP
NNG...
<SFX> WAAAAAHH
RULAN...
...

Ren will really come after you now! Be careful!
You've defeated three kidoushi!
Brat...
AW...
<SFX> WAAAAAAHH
IF THAT'S THE CASE...
I WON'T BE CARE-LESS ANY-MORE.

<SFX> TAP
<SFX> TA-TAP
<SFX> TAP

<SFX> TA-TAP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<SFX> GLIDE

ミャ…!!
<SFX> SPLASH

I'm terribly sorry!
I...
<SFX> SQUASH
splat
splatter

KO
KO
<SFX> PI-PEEP
LOVE-LY!
REALLY LOVELY!
BUT...
MORE THAN SHE DESER-VED.

MOROU HAS SENT A REPORT...
CONCERNING NUMBER ZERO...
I HAVE A REPORT!
<SFX> DASH
VICE-GENERAL GIREI...?
WH - WHAT SHALL I DO?
WHAT SHALL WE DO.
THAT'S RIGHT...
GENERAL SHUKOU?
<SFX> RUSTLE

MORU...?
WHO IS HE?

Assistant Museum

△ Chief Honmura Motomura

△ The Oddball Chief

Assassination ▷

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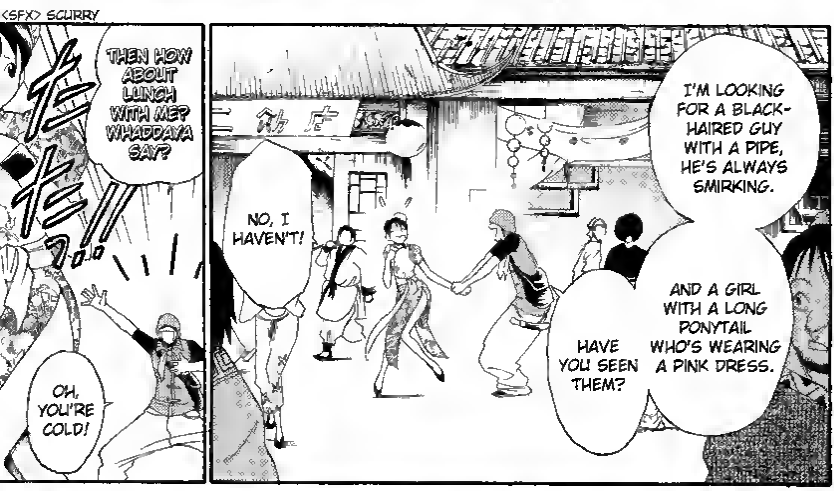
HEY THERE, GIRLIE.
CAN I HAVE A WORD? ♪
THE 7TH CHRONICLE: YOGA!


<SFX> SCURRY
THEN HOW ABOUT LUNCH WITH ME? WHADDAYA SAY?
OH, YOU'RE COLD!
NO, I HAVEN'T!
I'M LOOKING FOR A BLACK-HAIRED GUY WITH A PIPE, HE'S ALWAYS SMIRKING.
AND A GIRL WITH A LONG PONYTAIL WHO'S WEARING A PINK DRESS.
HAVE YOU SEEN THEM?

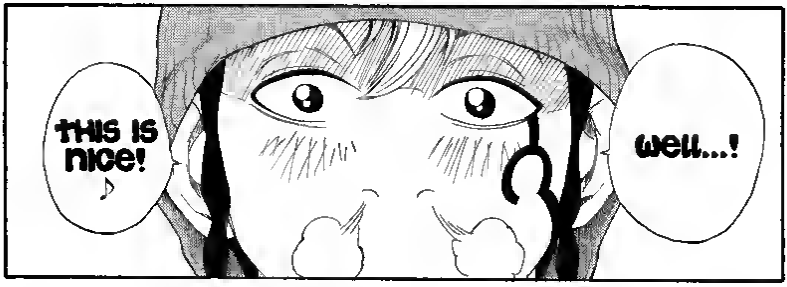
WELL, IF I COULD FIND THEM THAT EASILY...
ANYONE COULD.

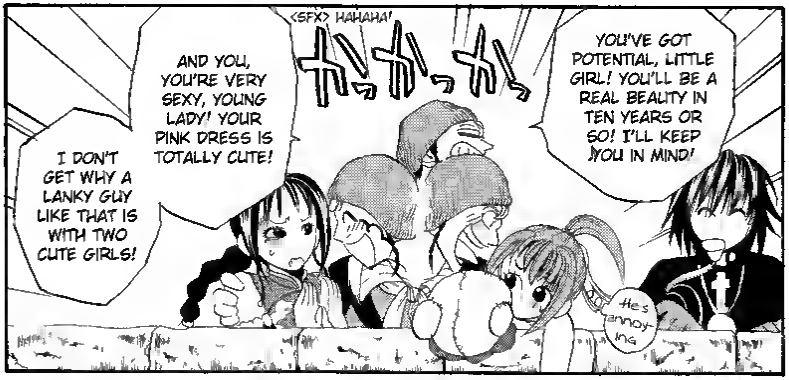
THE 7TH CHRONICLE: YOGAI

<SFX> RAAAAH!!
IT- IT- IT'S AMAZING, KAIN-SAN!
A DRAGON! IT'S A DRAGON! IT'S DANCING!
I HEAR THIS FESTIVAL IS HELD ONLY ONCE A YEAR
WE SURE ARE LUCKY, RULAN!
<SFX> HAHAHA!
<SFX> WOW!!
I've heard stories about it, but it really is huge!
A huge snake! It's a huge snake, isn't it?
GEEZ! KAIN-KUN!
THIS ISN'T A TIME TO WATCH PARADES, WE NEED TO RETURN QUICKLY.
EVEN THOUGH THIS AREA ISN'T RULED BY REN,
IT COULD STILL BE DANGER-OUS!

SINCE THAT WAS WHAT MASTER RYUUGI WISHED FOR.
I WANT RULAN TO SEE LOTS OF THINGS.
<SFX> R
HEY, YOU!
...
DON'T HOG THE BEST SPOT ALL TO YOURSELF.
!!
I WANT TO SEE THE PARADE TOO.
I'M TALKING TO YOU.
YOU'D BETTER MOVE!
THE SMIRKING BLACK-HAIRED KID WITH A PIPE.
<SFX> ZOOM!!

SHUT UP!
I WANT THAT SPOT!
THAT SPOT IS FREE
OH! SORRY ABOUT THAT!
BUT...
<SFX> HAHA!


THIS IS NICE!
WELL...!


<SFX> HAHAHA!
カッカッカ
I DON'T GET WHY A LANKY GUY LIKE THAT IS WITH TWO CUTE GIRLS!
AND YOU, YOU'RE VERY SEXY, YOUNG LADY! YOUR PINK DRESS IS TOTALLY CUTE!
YOU'VE GOT POTENTIAL, LITTLE GIRL! YOU'LL BE A REAL BEAUTY IN TEN YEARS OR SO! I'LL KEEP YOU IN MIND!
He's annoying

LOOK OUT!
OH!
EH?
WHADDAYA SAY? YOU TWO CAN COME WITH ME AND BECOME ADULTS!
Hah! Darnit!

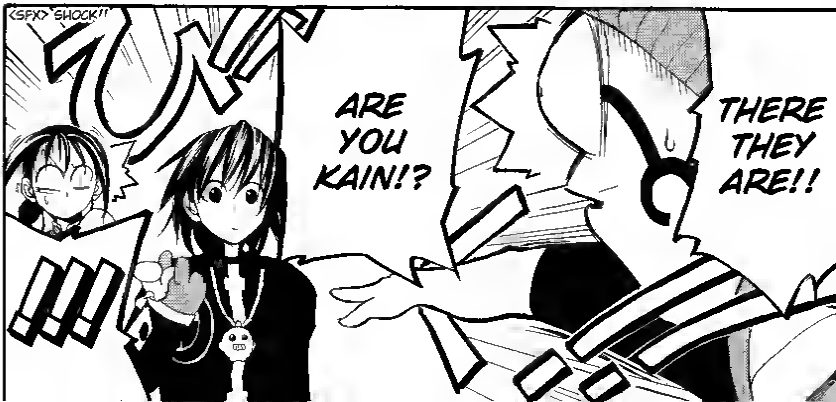
<SFX> SNAP
<SFX> COLLAPSE
<SFX> WOAH!
THE FLOAT... IT'S COLLAPS-ING!
<SFX> BOOM!
THERE ARE KIDS RIDING IT!

<SFX> THUD!!

YOU TWO ARE SO COOL!
AMAZING!

OH, THAT'S RIGHT!
I'LL ASK YOU GUYS TOO.
YOU'RE NOT BAD YOURSELF!
BY THE WAY, YOU'RE PRETTY LANKY TOO...
Ha ha ha!
I HAVE NO IDEA HOW YOU RESCUED THEM!
WOW, LANKY DUDE! YOU'RE NOT BAD! I MIGHT JUST CHANGE MY MIND ABOUT YOU!

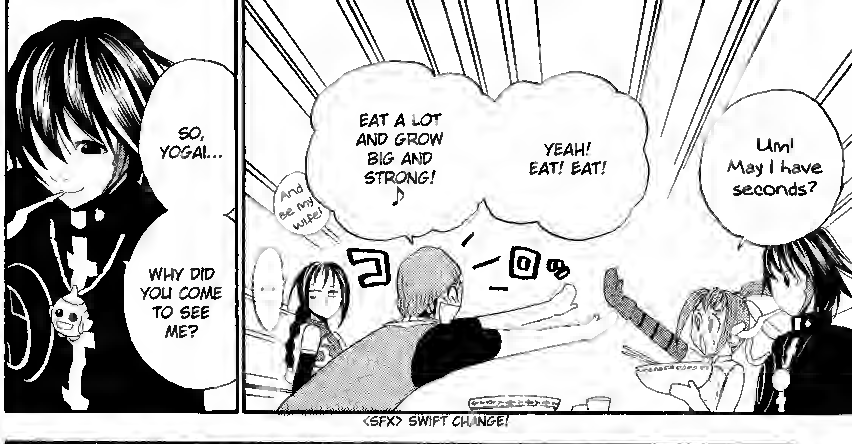
HAVE YOU SEEN...?
AND A GIRL WITH A LONG PONYTAIL WHO'S WEARING A PINK DRESS.
I'M LOOKING FOR A BLACK-HAIRED GUY WITH A PIPE WHO'S ALWAYS SMIRKING,
YOU GUYS,


(SFX) SHOCK!!
ARE YOU KAIN!?
THERE THEY ARE!!

<SFX> SKID
DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE ONE OF REN'S...
...
<SFX> HUP
IF HE WAS FROM REN, HE WOULDN'T CALL ME "KAIN."
YOU ARE...?
LIKE YOU...
I'M ONE OF KOHAN.
THE NAME'S YOGA!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU.

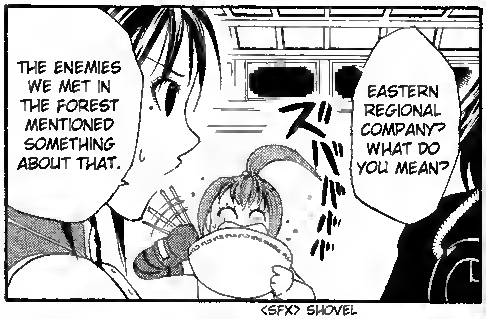
YOU'RE YOUNG!
THE CHIEF TOLD ME ALL ABOUT YOU.
I WAS EXPECTING SOMEONE OLDER...
<SFX> HISS
YOU SHOULD BE CAREFUL.
MEIKO IS PRETTY STRONG.
It looks like she is...
I'M SORRY YOU WERE CONFUSED.
BY THE WAY, YOGA!...
SO!? WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT KAIN-KUN?
MEI-CHAN, YOU'VE BEEN WITH HIM ALL THIS TIME AND YOU DON'T KNOW?
HE'S...

I WILL TELL HER MYSELF EVENTUALLY...
ふ...
<SFX> HUP
KAIN...
THE CHIEF IS PRETTY MIFFED ABOUT YOUR SELFISH BEHAVIOR..
YOUR PURPOSE AND KOHAN'S PURPOSE MAY NOT BE EXACTLY THE SAME..
BUT AS ONE OF KOHAN...
DON'T FORGET...

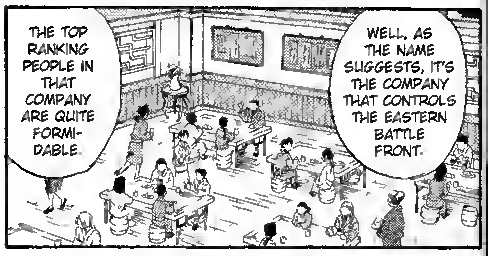


<SFX> SWIFT CHANGE!

THE CHIEF SENT ME TO GIVE YOU THIS NEW WEAPON.
AND WHILE WE'RE AT IT...
NOW THAT REN KNOWS YOU'RE ALIVE, IT'S DANGEROUS FOR YOU TO REMAIN WEAK.
YOU'RE NOT THAT STRONG.



<SFX> SHOVEL


THE TOP RANKING PEOPLE IN THAT COMPANY ARE QUITE FORMIDABLE.
WELL, AS THE NAME SUGGESTS, IT'S THE COMPANY THAT CONTROLS THE EASTERN BATTLE FRONT.

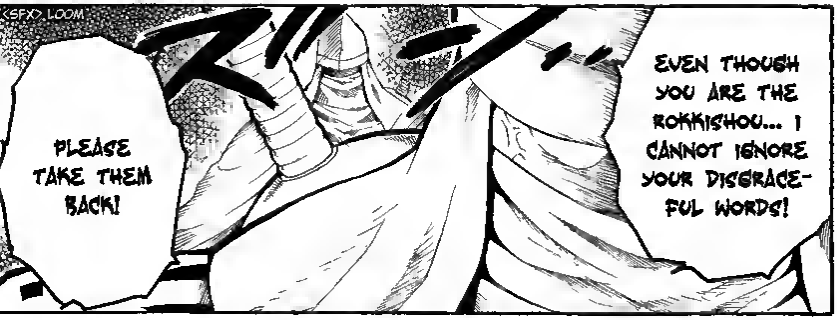
ONE OF THEIR ROKKISHOU GENERALS TAKES ORDERS DIRECTLY FROM KING RAIEN.
SHOUKO, "THE PHOENIX HEAD."
<SFX> RAAAAHH!!

<SFX> RAAAHH!!
YOU SEEM CHEERFUL.

DO YOU HAVE TIME TO MAKE APPEARANCES BEFORE THE SOLDIERS?
LADY SHOUKO?
INCLUDING US, THERE ARE ONLY FIVE KIDOUSHI IN OUR ARMY.
NOW THAT ONE OF THEM HAS BEEN DEFEATED...
The one who was defeated was the weakest of us all.
Well, it's all good.
Yup!

clink
YUP! HE WAS WEAK!
SINCE...
DID YOU JUST CALL BROTHER MOROU...
WEAK!?
WEAK...
TAKES SO LONG TO LAUNCH.
IT SHOULD BE EASY TO DODGE! ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
EXPERIMENT ZERO'S "HAKKAISHOU,"
<SFX> FLICKER
<SFX> TAP
IF HE WAS HIT BY IT...
THAT'S JUST PROOF THAT HE WAS WEAK!
<SFX> WHOOSH!!
<SFX> SWOOSH

<SFX> GLIDE
I HAVE HONORED YOU AS OUR LEADER...
BUT THAT IS NOT THE SAME AS PLEDGING LOYALTY ...

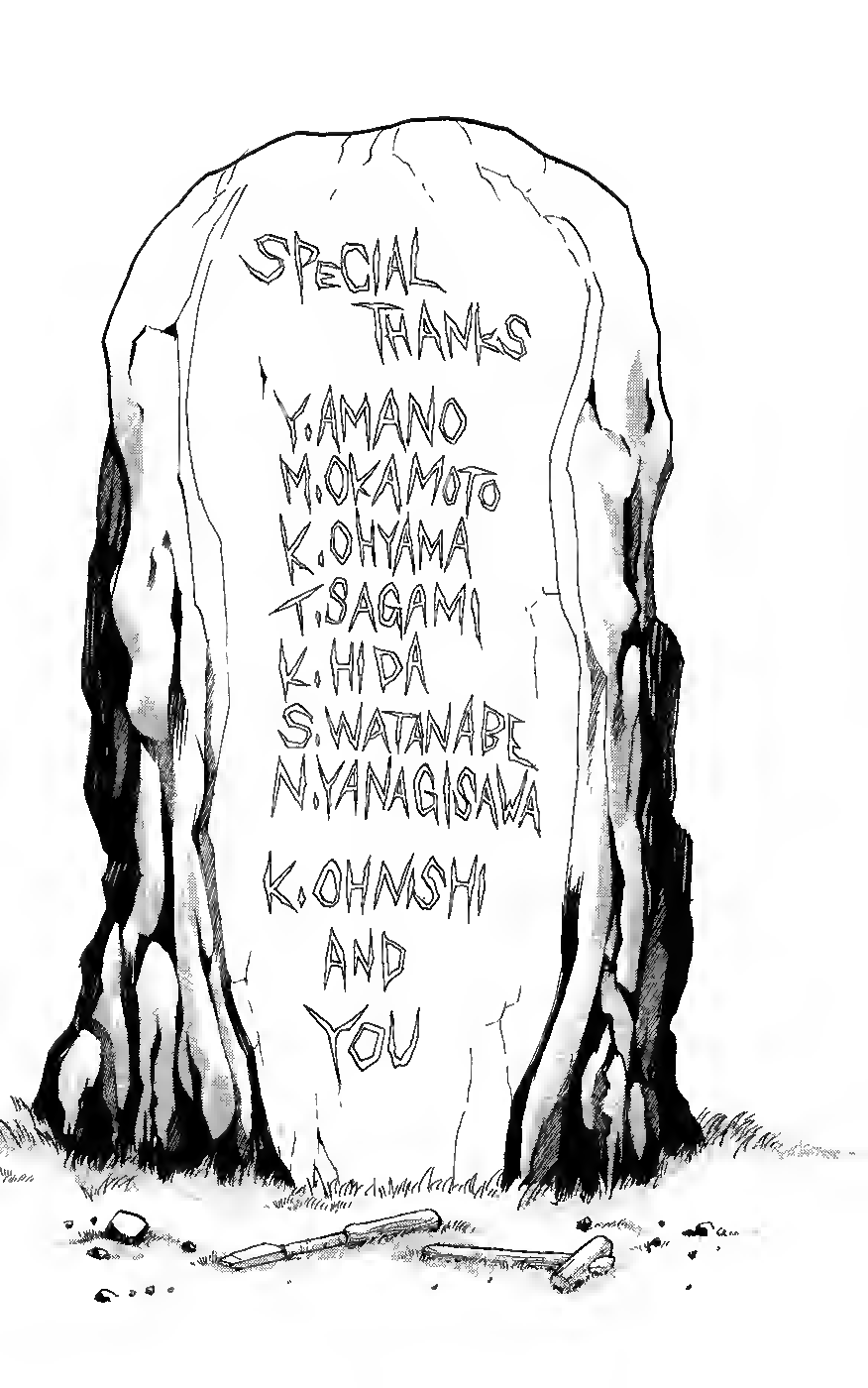

<SFX> LOOM
PLEASE TAKE THEM BACK!
EVEN THOUGH YOU ARE THE ROKKISHOU... I CANNOT IGNORE YOUR DISGRACEFUL WORDS!

<SFX> STEP
YAN, HEAD OF THE LEFT COMPANY...
ILPA, HEAD OF THE RIGHT COMPANY...

YOU SHOULDN'T MAKE SUCH REMARKS IN MY PRESENCE.
I WILL CRUSH YOU.
Let's play a game! A game!
oh! I just thought of something fun!
SIR GILEY!

WH.. WHAT DO...
!!
...
AND YAN AND ILPA WILL BE THE OTHER TEAM
GILEY AND I WILL BE ONE TEAM.
USE OF SOLDIERS IS FORBIDDEN.
WE'LL START RIGHT NOW!
THE TEAM THAT KILLS EXPERIMENT ZERO FIRST WILL BE THE WINNER!
IF YOU TWO WIN...
I'LL GIVE UP MY POST AS ROKKI-SHOU.

OMAKE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AND
YOU